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SUNDAYS.		
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11.15 " " 12.00 noon	15 " "	Stop
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1.00 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.	15 " "	Stop
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Kowloon dep.	6.41	7.10	8.35	9.15	10.28	12.00	1.18	4.34	5.27	7.09
Yau Ma Tei dep.	6.51	7.19	8.44	9.24	10.37	12.09	1.27	4.43	5.37	7.20
Shatin dep.	7.03	7.31	8.56	9.36	10.49	12.21	1.39	4.55	5.50	7.33
Tai Po dep.	7.17	7.45	9.10	9.50	11.03	12.35	1.53	5.09	6.03	7.46
Tai Po Market dep.	7.22	7.50	9.15	9.55	11.08	12.40	1.58	5.12	6.07	7.49
Fanling dep.	7.33	8.01	9.26	10.06	11.19	12.51	2.06	5.23	6.17	7.59
Sheung Shui dep.	7.38	8.06	9.31	10.11	11.24	12.56	2.10	5.27	6.21	8.03
Shum Chun dep.	7.44	8.12	9.37	10.17	11.30	13.02	2.16	5.33	6.27	8.09
Shek Lung dep.	7.44	8.12	9.37	10.17	11.30	13.02	2.16	5.33	6.27	8.09
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Fanling dep.	7.45	11.30	2.30	6.30	7.25	11.10	2.00	5.55
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LORD MORLEY'S WILL

LONDON, November 20th.

Lord Morley's will directs the executors to refuse to allow access to his papers by anyone desiring to write his biography which he regarded as wholly superfluous and the same embargo should apply to persons writing biographies of his friends. Lord Morley bequeaths 5,000 volumes to Manchester University.

WINTER WEATHER IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, November 20th.

Saturday was the coldest day of the year in some parts of England, and there were four inches of snow in East Scotland, where many roads were ice-bound. There was skating in Cheshire, and a thick fog in London and many parts of the country. Navigation was much impeded, while all air services from Croydon were suspended yesterday.

DEATH OF HUNGER-STRIKER.

LONDON, November 20th.

Remarkable scenes took place at Cork when the body of Denis Barry, who died through hunger-striking at the Newbridge internment camp, was brought there. It was arranged that the body should lie in the Catholic Church overnight, but the Roman Catholic Bishop, Bishop O'Halloran, pronounced an interdict against any religious exercises on the ground that Republicanism in Ireland was a wicked and inhuman attack on the Church, whose law deprived of Christian burial anyone taking his own life.

The remains were consequently not allowed to enter the Church, and were taken to the rooms of the Sinn Fein executive.

TRUTH ABOUT THE DARDANELLES.

LONDON, November 20th.

Mr. Churchill, against whom a dead set is being made by hecklers in connection with his share of responsibility in the Dardanelles campaign, has received a telegram from Sir Ian Hamilton pointing out that neither Mr. Churchill nor his hecklers seem to be aware of the triumphant vindication of the whole Dardanelles expedition at a meeting of senior Army and Navy Officers at the Services Institution, when Sir George Milne, formerly Commander-in-Chief of the Salonika expedition, presided at a lecture given by Colonel Farmer, who participated in the landing operations, the speakers including Sir Granville Egerton and Sir Stewart Hare.

WIRELESS CABLE.

LONDON, November 20th.

A shareholder of the Western Telegraph Company, at the general meeting, suggested that a "little propaganda" would show the utility of wireless compared with cable.

The Chairman, Sir Denison Pender, did not want it. He said cable companies opposed wireless, but sooner or later the two would have to come together in the interests of the companies and the public.

LORD BIRKENHEAD HITS HARD.

LONDON, November 20th.

Lord Birkenhead was subjected to a lot of criticism on account of the views expressed in his Rectorial address at Glasgow.

Speaking at Ashton-under-Lyne, he declared that he had stated nothing in that address which he had the slightest intention of qualifying or altering. He had said nothing which was not a reasoned and philosophic truth. He asserted, amid laughter, that the heckler present on that occasion had either not read the whole address or was intellectually incapable of understanding it; probably both.

He recalled that it was only ten years since a Trade Union Conference had passed a resolution in favour of Protection, and only a few weeks since a labour leader at Nottingham had asked the Board of Trade to impose a duty on the importation of foreign lace. Lord Birkenhead said that if we attempted to compete with Germany's weekly wages to "killed people we should not have one million but five million unemployed."

THOMAS HARDY'S NEW DRAMA.

LONDON, November 20th.

A new drama in blank verse, "The Famous Tragedy of Queen Cornwall," by Thomas Hardy, was successfully produced at Dorchester by the Dorset Minstrels, the actors including a greaser, a doctor, a clerk, a saddler and a brewer.

DONATION TO BRITISH LEGION.

LONDON, November 20th.

Earl Derby, Vice-President of the British Legion, in accordance with his practice in the past three years, has given a donation to the Legion of five per cent. of his gross racing winnings, amounting to £2,000, for the benefit of ex-Service men from Lancashire.

AN IMPUDENT FRAUD.

LONDON, November 20th.

Perth (West Australia). Upon the Government's analysis, reporting that a sample of oil from a bore on the edge of Lake Ewa, near the Southern Cross, consisted of vasoline, soap and lubricating oil, an Inspector of Mines and detectives visited the bore and reported finding, under the bunk of the supposed discoverer, a large hole in which was a hundred gallon tank containing 80 gallons of oil, from which the pipes led 40 feet into the bore.

The man fled after the first analysis, and warrants have been issued to arrest him and his companions.

It is reported that the alleged discoverer was a German who was unable to return to Australia after the war and sent him the plans.

ANNUAL GIMORACK CLUB DINNER.

LONDON, November 20th.

The General Election robbed the annual dinner at the Gimorack Club yesterday evening of the presence of many people prominent on the turf.

Mr. J. Melrose, the nonagenarian Chairman of the York Race Committee, presided for the fiftieth time and expressed his gratification that His Majesty had been winning more races lately. He hoped that his success would continue.

Mr. H. Stobart, proposing the winner of the Gimorack Stakes, regretted the absence of Lord Derby owing to his Lancashire engagements, and said that he felt sure that, while the Conservatives were in power, they need have no fear of the future of racing.

AMENDING PENSIONS ACT.

LONDON, November 20th.

It is officially announced that if the Government is returned they will carry out their promise to introduce a Bill at the earliest possible moment amending the Pensions Act of 1920, and, if the Bill is passed next session, as anticipated, will arrange that pensioners are not damaged by the delay caused by the Election.

LORD BIRKENHEAD'S DEFENCE.

LONDON, November 20th.

Lord Birkenhead, in a speech at Liverpool, intimated that he is republishing his Glasgow Rectorial Address, which the Socialist Party at Liverpool were representing as a recommendation of war. That, he said, was a false impression of the address, derived from the criticism of his address in a sermon by the Right Rev. M. B. Furse, Bishop of St. Alban's, whom Lord Birkenhead described as an "extremely foolish Bishop," who was a contemporary of his at Oxford and was made a Fellow of his College for muscular rather than mental qualities.

ORGANISED ROWDYISM AT COLCHESTER.

LONDON, November 20th.

Organised disturbances created continually at Sir Laming Worthington Evans' meetings at Colchester culminated yesterday evening in the breaking up of a gathering at which Sir Laming and other speakers were repeatedly interrupted.

A blind ex-soldier Staff-Sergeant appeared for a hearing, but unsuccessfully. He declared "I lost my sight for you and your friends. All broad-minded people in the audience will tell the town of your behaviour and all the more will the people of Colchester vote for Sir Laming." The meeting terminated in an uproar.

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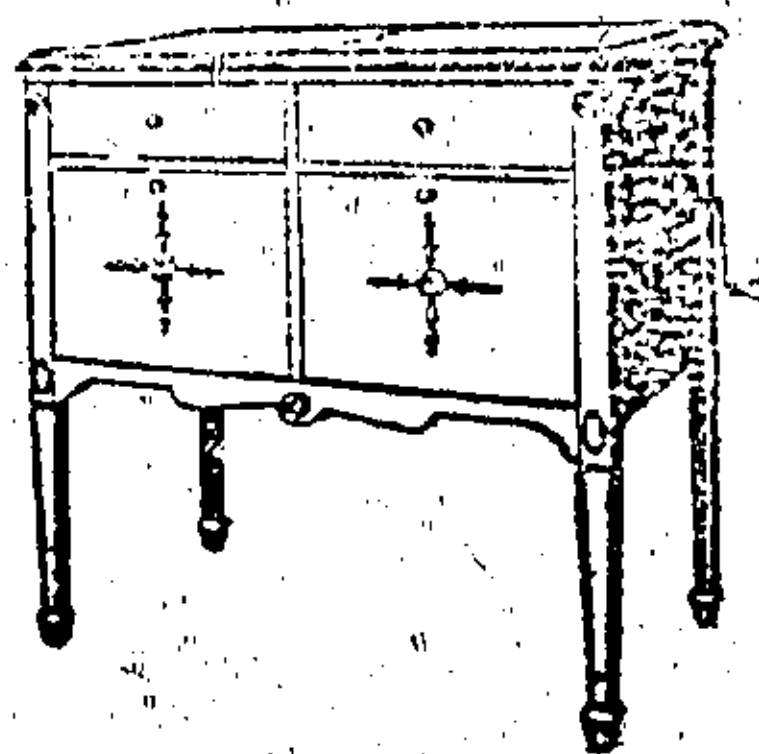
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LIGHTER GOLF BALL UNITED STATES PROPOSAL.

Writing in the *Daily Mail*, Mr. R. Enderby Howard says:—
The British committee having tried unsuccessfully for three years to limit the power of the golf ball, the United States Golf Association is now turning its attention to the problem.

In both countries members of the governing bodies consider that changes in the methods of ball manufacture are destroying the balance of the game: that the compressed energy of the modern ball, with its rubber thread wound under high tension, makes driving so long as to abolish many of the intermediate shots through the green which were formerly necessary.

This may seem almost satirical to people who seldom hit their tee shots far enough to render the tee strokes at all simple. It is, in fact, however, that under favourable conditions many of the leading golfers now reduce the game largely to drives and full bangs up to the hole with a machine-like, followed by putts.

The proposal of the United States Golf Association is to leave the size of the ball as at present, but to reduce the weight. The present rule—in operation throughout the world—limits the weight of the ball to 1.62oz.

It is suggested by the U.S.G.A. that the maximum weight shall be 1.52oz., and extensive experiments are being carried out with the object of showing that such a ball will achieve the purpose—that of curtailing the length of driving without diminishing the pleasure of the game.

Until May, 1920, there was no restriction in the matter of the golf ball, and the most popular kind among good players was that weighing 31 pennyweights.

Then the limitation to 1.62oz. (as nearly as possible 29 pennyweights) was introduced. This is about the weight of 99 out of every 100 balls now in use, no matter what their size. There are balls of 27 pennyweights, but the demand for them is limited almost entirely to the longer-handicap women players and beginners.

One of the leading British manufacturers tells me that the scheme of the U.S.G.A., if adopted, would reduce the maximum weight of the ball for everybody to 27.706 pennyweights—a very light ball, judged by the modern standard.

Mr. John L. Low, the most experienced member of the British Rules Committee, thinks that it would curtail an average good drive against the wind by 20 yards. Probably it would not reduce a drive down wind by quite so much.

Mr. J. Fritz Byers, president of the U.S.G.A., told me what he was here recently that his committee regarded the limitation of the power of the ball as the paramount question in modern golf. This proposal to lighten the ball is the result of its investigations. Whatever happens, it is fairly certain that Britain and the United States will agree on a common policy.

THE CRICKET BALL.

Almost all who play, or have played, cricket must have heard of Duke's cricket ball. There is, in fact, only one competitor in England for the reputation of making the best ball. Mr. Harry Duke, the descendant of the Duke who invented the cricket ball, continues with the firm of "Duke and Son," and has the secret that has been so jealously handed down from father to son. While the style and shape of the original cricket ball has changed, the ball played with to-day is in weight and size precisely as it was constructed by Duke 200 years or more ago. Cricket ball manufacture is one of the closest industries in England. It is concentrated in the Tonbridge country, mainly at Quarry Hill. The shops at the factories are so carefully guarded for the preservation of the secret that not even apprentices are allowed in the workroom to see the final assembly of the parts. Duke has a working arrangement with "John Wisden," the famous Cranbourne-street firm, founded by the old cricketer and developed by the late Harry Luff. Venerably Duke "cum" Wisden has something approaching a monopoly of the output of the classic cricket ball. The seven shillings cost of a ball in Farington's time was relatively higher than the seven shillings or so of our pre-war price. But since the war, labour and material have sent up the cost for retailers to the thirteen shillings now charged by "Wisden." The workers in the ball factories are a fine race of men. All did their bit in the war. Most of them, as a species of holiday, are the "gate" men on the Kent county grounds. It was a system established by the late Tom Pawley, who was above all else a Tonbridge man. The main secret in cricket ball manufacture is splendidly kept by Duke and Wisden.

RADIO SIGNAL LOOPS THE LOOP.

An extraordinary experiment recently made between New York and Warsaw, Poland, at the direction of Dr. E. F. W. Alexanderson, of Schenectady, chief engineer for the Radio Corporation, is described by the *New York Evening Post*. A signal was sent from the Radio Corporation's Broad Street office, via the Radio Central Station on Long Island, to Poland direct, at which point the signal was made to actuate the Warsaw transmitter, and thus send itself back to New York. Radio waves travel 186,000 miles a second, and the signal covered the distance to Poland and back, something less than 9,000 miles, in the tiniest fraction of a second. It proved but a step to make the "tick" or signal continue its travels. Again and again it chased itself round the same vast circuit, diminishing slightly in intensity and speed until it finally died away in audible tinklings. The loop was looped together about 350,000 miles—twelve or fifteen times the distance round the globe.

Our English-speaking peoples, in our slow, selfish way, are looking on, are assisting, at an attempt to waste and torment to death a great community as civilised as our own.—Mr. H. G. Wells.

INDIAN CONSTITUTIONAL PROGRESS.

SIR STANLEY REED'S SURVEY.

Lady Emily Lutyens was at home to the British Indian Union on November 6th, when Sir Stanley Reed opened a discussion on "New Forces in India."

Sir Stanley Reed drew attention to the immense changes which had taken place in India since he landed in Bombay 27 years ago. It was then a country with a poor and congested agriculture, a struggling manufacturing industry, and existing politics stamped with the impress of Gladstonian Liberalism. To-day, as a result of extensive irrigation and of intensive cultivation, congestion was so lightened that a shortage of labour was almost chronic. India ranked in the League of Nations as one of the great industrial countries of the world.

Politics threatened to pass under the control of those who could shout the loudest. The constitutional machinery had moved, slowly perhaps, but still it had moved, in conformity with these forces. The Morley-Minto reforms provided a useful stepping-stone from a somewhat close bureaucracy to a genuine measure of responsible government in the Act of 1919. The width of that measure was for nearly three years obscured by the non-co-operation movement, which had come the expression of all Indian discontent. That movement waned as the primary causes of discontent were removed, and effectively perished from its sheer negation. But it had left a bitter legacy in racial passion: it was one of the ironies of the Indian situation that a movement aiming at national unity had raised racial animosities to the most dangerous pitch. The extreme forms of Pan-Islamism and Sikhism were anti-national, inasmuch as they aimed at minority rule.

There never was a time when strong, impartial control was more necessary to keep India from drifting into chaos. But that control must rest on its moral sanction, if for no other reason because it was British. The Act of 1919 embodied not only a constitution, but a policy—the policy of the gradual development of India to full responsible government, and the increasing association of Indians with the administration.

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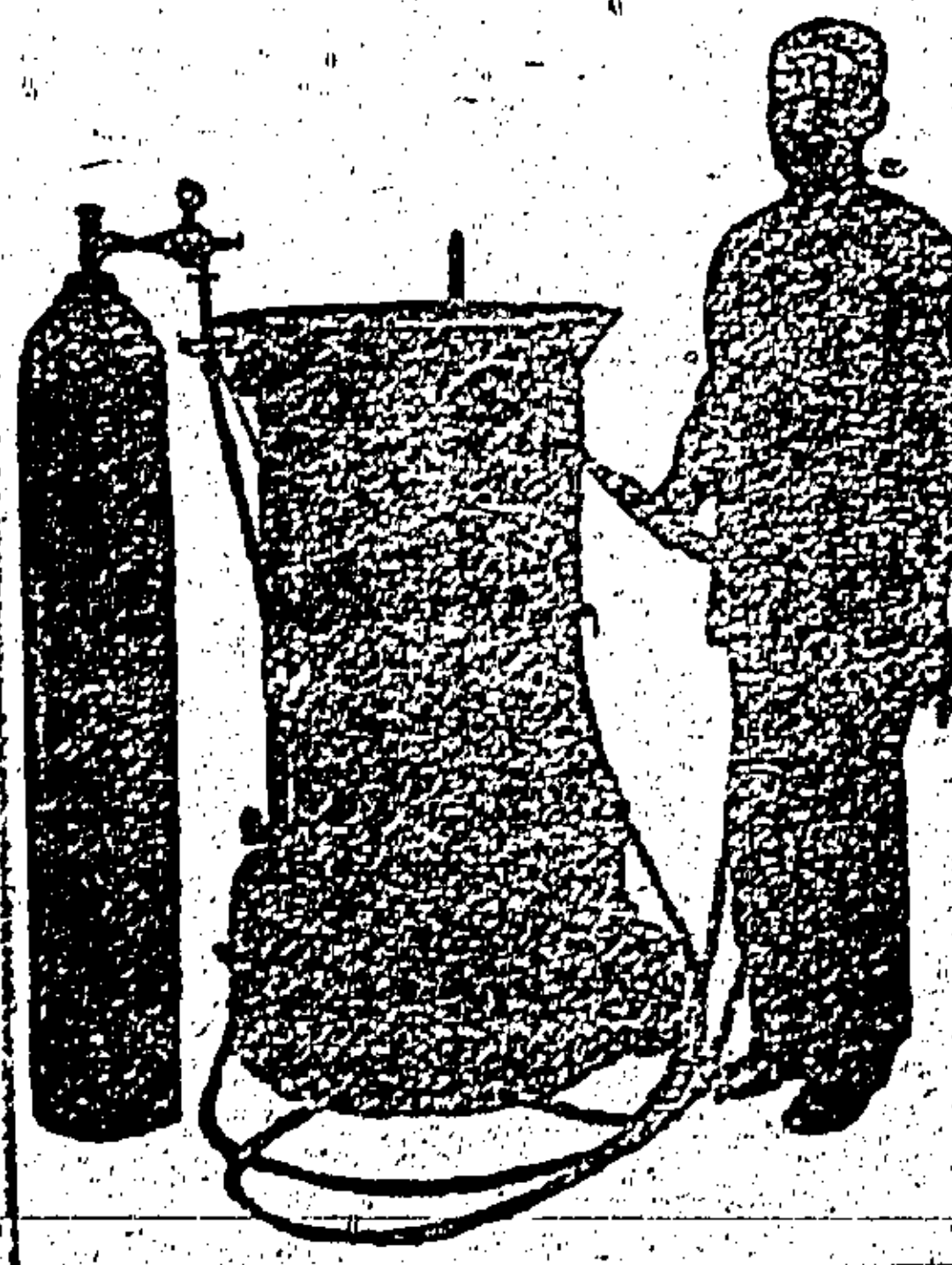
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DR. SUN'S MESSAGE TO AMERICANS.

TO MY FRIENDS THE AMERICAN PEOPLE:
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In this twelfth year of our struggle for liberty, comes not a Lafayette but an American admiral with more ships of war than any other nation in our waters to join those who wish to crush us so that the Republic in China shall perish.

Has the country of Washington and Lincoln forsaken its high faith in freedom and turned from a liberator to an oppressor of a people struggling to be free? We cannot believe it, and we want the officers and men of your fleet—though their guns are already trained on this unfortified City of Canton—to ponder this question before they shoot us.

Ald why do they wish to shoot us? Because we rightly claim the Customs revenues collected within the territory of my Government after deducting our proper share of the funds required for the service of foreign debts charged on the Customs revenues of the whole of China. That is a right conceded to every other Government; it must be conceded to my Government if only because those revenues belong to us by every right known to God and man.

We must stop that money going to the enemy to buy arms to kill us, just as your forefathers stopped taxation going into English coffers by throwing English tea into Boston harbour.

Your present rulers may be within their right to withhold from the cause of liberty in China the rich assistance that is lavishly bestowed elsewhere in the cause of human freedom. But it would be a crime and an undying shame if the naval power of America should be used for the forcible collection of Customs revenues within the territory of my Government so that traitors and militarists might flourish in Peking.

SUN YAT-SEN.
Canton, December 17th, 1923.

A STRAIGHT TALK.

The *Canton Gazette* publishes the following contributed note, but disavows responsibility for the opinions of its contributors:

"Dr. Sun Yat-sen has cabled the message to the American people in connection with the role for which the naval power of America has been cast in the matter of the Customs surplus question. The participation of American ships of war in the naval demonstration, which is now taking place in Canton harbour, has created profound astonishment and intense indignation in responsible Chinese circles here. That sort of brutal gesture was least expected from a country like America, with its fine record of honorable dealings in over half a century's intercourse with China. There is, however, a suggestion that the sinister figure in the Shamen, who is at the bottom of this devil's business, has designedly manoeuvred the simple American on the spot into their present predicament."

FOREIGN WARSHIPS AT CANTON.

The *Canton Gazette* in a leading article says:—

The presence in Canton of 6 American, 5 British, 2 Japanese, 2 French, and 1 Portuguese warships, representatives of 5 foreign Powers, making a total of 10 ships, may well cause the peaceful inhabitants of Canton to inquire what they are here for? Shamen is certainly not a training station for the foreign cadets and yet there the blue-jackets were holding military drills yesterday. What does this mean?

Somebody ventures the remark that this is an answer to the Customs surplus affair. If we remember correctly, in a recent dispatch addressed by the Department for Foreign Affairs of the Southern Government to the Diplomatic Corps, it was clearly stated that if a portion of the share of the Customs surplus is not given to the South, then in two weeks' time the Government would order the Commissioner of Customs to cease remitting the funds collected at the port to Peking, so that the Mandarin and Militarists there may not use the funds indirectly to intrigue against Canton and finance military expeditions against it.

It was further stated that there was no interference with the Customs contemplated, nor any taking over of the administration of the Customs, threatened. It was a purely Chinese internal matter. That being so, we are at a loss to understand the meaning of this demonstration, and are entitled to ask the question: "What is this demonstration for?" Right along the people of Canton have preserved a very calm attitude and it is but natural therefore for them to resent the presence of these warships. The procession of yesterday may be taken as a protest from them.

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MACAO NOTES.

(FROM AN OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENT.)

POST OFFICE.

In Macao only Portuguese money is accepted at the Post Office as legal tender. Notes for small denominations of 50 cents, 5 cents and 10 cents as well as the usual bank notes of the Banco Nacional Ultramarino are accepted. The stocks of postage stamps are apparently running low for only 1-cent stamps and those of very high denominations are procurable by the general public. This might point to an early issue of some provisional postage stamps, and philatelists will be well advised to be on the look-out for such.

WATER WORKS.

To complete the rapidly advancing water works in Macao, Col. A. A. Trigo, Director of Public Works, has been requested to extend his contract with the Macao Government for a period of one year, during which period it is expected that the works will be completed.

A DISASTROUS EXPLOSION.

In the island of Taipa a fire-cracker factory was demolished by an explosion, causing thirty deaths, and injuries to many others. This is one of many serious explosions within recent years. Fire-cracker manufacturers ought to be compelled by law to insulate the dangerous portions of their industry and be made to take special precautions to protect human life.

GUNBOAT "MACAO."

The Portuguese gunboat *Macao* has been ordered to proceed to Canton and left on the afternoon of the 18th December.

PERSONAL.

By the death of Mr. Elysis Neves Tavares, chemist, of Farmacia Macao, the community has lost a most respected and valuable citizen and much sympathy is felt for his widow and children. Being the only civilian certificated chemist with Portuguese University degrees it becomes necessary for Macao to secure a suitable chemist to replace the late Mr. Tavares.

A NEW INDUSTRY.

A much needed want is now supplied by the establishment of an electro-plating depot by an enterprising citizen. The products compare favourably with the best in Europe, and the workmen are kept busily occupied.

WEST RIVER SHIPPING.

PRACTICALLY CONTROLLED BY FOREIGNERS.

Owing to the constant piracy and commandeering of merchants' vessels for military purpose, says the *Canton Gazette*, many steamers plying on the West River have been sold to foreign merchants and many Chinese-owned ships are flying foreign flags. The West River Navigation Company, a Chinese concern operating a large West River fleet, has been sold to a certain foreign firm.

The Japanese shipping firms are very active in the West River traffic, having extended their business westward as far as Kweilin. Japanese vessels are plying between Canton and Wuchow, and Kweilin.

EGYPTIAN COTTON CROP.

An Alexandria message says that the General Produce Association estimates the yield of this year's cotton crop at 5,500,000 kantars (a kantar is 89lb.). Last year's yield was more than a million kantars under this figure, while the 1920-21 crop was slightly in excess.

On the other hand it is bound to be pretty embarrassing to the foreign Powers themselves, after sending their armadas to Canton, to find that they have nothing for them to do except possibly to make a mighty gesture and then dwindle down, and under cover of the darkness of the night disappear from Canton waters altogether.

Anyone with a casual acquaintance of the Southern authorities knows that if they consider that they are in the right, 16 warships, yes, 160, will not in the least prevent them from pursuing their course regardless of what the consequences may be. It is only folly to try to bully them. The days of bullying Chinese officials, particularly officials of the South, we fear, are well-nigh ended.

Those who know the Cantonese people well will readily attest the fact that they do not view such a demonstration with indifference. The foreign Powers and their Consuls here must be held responsible for any provocation or dire consequences due to the presence of these warships. In the light of the whole affair, the authorities here are to be congratulated for their calmness in dealing with an admittedly difficult situation. They have conducted the negotiations with the Diplomatic Corps on this question for months and have clearly shown a spirit of patience and esteem throughout. Of this, there is no doubt.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(BEFORE HIS HONOUR THE PRISON JUDGE (MR. JUSTICE COMPERTZ).)

THE SIGN OF THE PALM LEAF.

BOY HELD FOR \$50,000 RANSOM.

The story of the kidnapping of the son of a Chinese merchant with business connections in Hongkong and Canton and the demanding of \$50,000 ransom was the subject matter of charges preferred against two Chinese at the Criminal Sessions. They were indicted for conspiring to kidnap the boy and the first prisoner was charged with sending a threatening letter to the father.

Mr. H. K. Holmes (Crown Solicitor) prosecuted and Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., represented the first prisoner.

The Jury empanelled were: Messrs. P. R. Glendinning, A. C. Franklin, C. B. Matthews, A. E. Murphy, A. A. Almeida, J. R. McPherson and S. S. Church.

The Crown Solicitor said both the prisoners were charged with conspiring together to threaten or intimidate a man named Chan Yan Po, in order to obtain a ransom for his son. The first prisoner only was charged with sending a threatening letter relating to the sum of the ransom.

The offence, said Mr. Holmes, related to a boy or a youth named Chan Hing-leung, a son of Chan Yan Po, who was the manager of a pawn shop in Canton and also the partner in the Kwong Fuk Sing firm in Hongkong. The youth disappeared on September 25th last. The first news his father had was that which was forwarded to the Canton shop and from there sent down to Hongkong. Some days later, about the 1st October, Chan Yan Po received an unsigned letter asking for money in connection with the kidnapping and making an appointment for the father's representatives to meet the writer of the letter. A further letter was received making another appointment at the Sai Wo restaurant at Yau-nati. Another letter was received confirming the second letter, already mentioned, also a letter from the captive. Now in consequence of the second letter of appointment, Chan Yan Po sent representatives. By arrangement one was to carry a palm leaf. Almost immediately on the entry of the representatives the first prisoner went to the table at which these two men were sitting. The first prisoner asked if Chan Yan Po had asked them to attend. On receiving a reply in the affirmative there was some conversation as to the subject matter of the meeting. A photograph of the captive son was produced and there was a further discussion. The first prisoner then asked them to go to another place. They climbed up the hill-side near the Chinese Theatre at Yau-nati and close to King's Park. At the foot of the hill the first prisoner escorted them up the hill-side; the other man remained at the bottom as he had sore feet. Up the hill side they came to a spot where another man was standing. This man opened the conversation in the same way as the others had: "Do you come from Chan Yan Po?" There was a reference to the ransom that had to be paid and the amount was stated as \$50,000 and Chan Yan Po's representatives asked where they could meet again in order to give the father's answer. A letter was produced by the man on the hill side and handed to Li Yung, one of the representatives of Chan Yan Po. The letter was delivered and was the one referred to in the indictment—a threatening letter.

The next thing that happened, said the Crown Solicitor, as the result of this letter which contained a reference to another meeting place was that the same representative and a district watchman, named Lok Po, went to the restaurant, one of them again carrying a palm leaf. At the Sai Wo restaurant they met both prisoners. The conversation was opened in a similar way as on the previous occasion and the question was considered by the prisoners as to the sending of a man to Canton to arrange for a reduction of the ransom. The district watchman asked for another appointment and a small piece of paper making an appointment was handed to the watchman. The paper contained the words: "Hold two pears in your hand." On receipt of the paper Lok Po (the watchman) arrested the prisoners.

When charged, the first accused said the letter (which he was charged with sending) was given him by another man, by whom all the business was done. The second prisoner said the son was captured by another man, who told him that whoever discussed the price of the ransom would be given a tin of raw opium for every \$100. He did this to get the value of the raw opium.

Mr. Holmes read out during the case one of the letters from the kidnappers which contained a demand for money in exchange for the kidnapped boy and a threat to do the boy harm. The letter went on to say that if money spent can be regained but a man killed can no longer live.

Mr. Alabaster's defence was mainly based on legal arguments. "The Jury after a brief retirement found the prisoners guilty on all counts, but at the suggestion of the Crown Solicitor, His Lordship did not pass sentence on the prisoners, stating that he would not do so for another month in which time they would have an opportunity of trying to arrange for the unfortunate kidnapped boy to be released, hinting at mitigation of sentence if they succeeded in doing so."

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HONGKONG ART CLUB. EXHIBITION AT THE HELENA MAY INSTITUTE.

Yesterday's exhibition of pictures at the Helena May Institute, held under the auspices of the Hongkong Art Club, can scarcely be said to compare with the exhibitions of the last two years. In the first place there were fewer exhibits and those exhibited were not, on the whole, of quite the same praiseworthy merits as on former occasions. True, there were some beautiful water colours but our local artists have not apparently been working with easel and brush with the same consistency as last year, but, painting, like poetry, cannot be turned out to order, and one must abide the pleasure of the spirit. Probably for next year the capricious spirit of art will inspire local artists to greater efforts and we may see a better and a larger collection.

This year Mrs. McPherson has five pictures on exhibition. One is an unusual ink sketch of a stretch of country in Kent. It is beautifully drawn but the general effect of the sepia coloured ink is not typical of the country side, and if the sketch had been carried out in some other shade the general effect would have been more pleasing. Her painting called "English Grey and Gold" is very successful. It is an evening scene typical of any English city suburb. The lighting effects and the details of the trees are a very fine achievement. Another painting by this lady is catalogued as "Trees." The picture has a harsh and unreal appearance. The blue background does not appear to be sufficiently modified in view of the large number of trees brought into the picture. "Mysterious Night," by the same lady, represents a dark-robed figure representing "night," and Mrs. McPherson has caught what appears to be a sense of brooding mystery. In "Dusk in the Park" Mrs. McPherson has obtained a beautiful effect of fading sunlight and the glimmer of newly lighted lamps and purple distances.

Mrs. Byrd has two paintings on exhibition. One is a portrait of a girl, the facial expression being exceptionally good. Mrs. Byrd has not been quite so successful in other details: the girl's frock, for example, is not so good. A painting of "An Interior" by the same lady is harmonious and pleasant, the blending of the colours making a typical drawing room scene. "A Dutch Study," by Mrs. S. Berg is a prettily coloured picture of two children on a dark stained plaque, and the only criticism that suggests itself is the rather stiffly worked folds of the Dutch girl's wide skirts flying in the wind.

A water colouring of Kellet Island with the fast disappearing Morrison Hill and Hongkong Island in the background and a few sailing junks in the foreground is a well drawn and happily conceived picture. The sky is successfully represented. This colouring is by Mr. E. A. Ram who has also on view a picture of the Ponte Vecchio, Florence. It portrays much in *bi-jou* style, probably too much in so small a space.

A view from Charter House, Hongkong, by Mrs. Walter Lang, would have looked much better on a somewhat larger canvas. The attempt to represent the variegated colours often to be seen in the waters of Hongkong harbour is hardly successful.

Mr. C. Peake Anderson has five pictures on exhibition. A view of the Peak at sunset hardly does the upper elevation justice and looks too dwarfed in comparison with the rest of the picture. Mr. Anderson has caught the Peak better in his exhibit entitled "Junks—Praya East Reclamation." The scene is one of three or four junks making an effective group in the foreground against the background of the Peak, as seen on a hazy evening. "Kowloon Bay" by the same artist is a faithful reproduction of the appearance of the barren hills of Kowloon and reminds us how much better they would look if they were clad with verdure. The artist has also a well coloured view of the various gradations of stone contained in Mount Kellet as seen from the Dairy Farm. A view of the Island House, Tai-po, by the same artist is also amongst the exhibits.

Mrs. C. B. Brown is one of the largest exhibitors with eleven pictures. This lady has got a good eye for seascape work, but she is hardly successful in her presentation of them. Her best effort is probably that of the hills at Repulse Bay. The colour and grouping in this picture are both good. The artist has also two exhibits depicting views from a garden at Mount Kellet of small islands in the foreground. She has worked on one in clear fine weather, and on the other in cloudy weather. The one depicting the

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NAVAL MARATHON RACE. INTERESTING EVENT AT HAPPY VALLEY.

WINNER'S FINE PERFORMANCE.

There were no fewer than 61 competitors in a marathon race held by the Navy yesterday, afternoon. The course was from the Monument at Happy Valley, along the new motor road, across the top of Happy Valley and back by the way of Leighton Hill Road, Broadwood Road to the Naval Pavilion at Happy Valley, a distance of approximately 4½ miles. The race was for the *Titania* challenge cup, and under the conditions each ship was allowed to enter a team of twelve, the first six home in each case to count and the team scoring the least number of points to be declared the winner—that is to say the first man home counted one point and so on. The result of the team race was as follows:—

<i>Diomedes</i>	68 pts.
<i>Titania</i>	88
<i>Hawkins</i>	113
<i>Deputch</i>	118
<i>Carlsberg</i>	137.

Some remarkably fine individual times were put up, the first man averaging 3½ minutes per mile for the four and a half miles. The first four home were:

- (1) Lieut. Weyms (*Titania*) 21 mins.
- (2) Lieut. Thomson (*Titania*) 24 mins.
- (3) A.B. Smith (*Carlsberg*).
- (4) A.B. Trendel (*Diomedes*).

At the conclusion of the race the challenge cup was presented to the winning team by Mrs. Grace, wife of the Commodore. The race was witnessed by many Naval officers and men, including Capt. Brodie of H.M.S. *Titania*.

grey day is to be preferred because the bamboos in the foreground do not occupy too large a proportion of the picture. Mrs. Brown has also two similar scenes, one of the rocks at Guernsey and the other of the Islands at Repulse Bay. The latter is the more successful of the two, containing a better representation of the sky and water. The artist has also an exhibit portraying a clump of point-settas near the water's edge at Repulse Bay. It makes an effective scene, but the size of the flowers is out of proportion with the rest of the picture and especially in proportion to the tree trunk in the foreground.

Another large exhibit this year is Mrs. Aubrey, with thirteen pictures. One portraying a clump of azaleas is very pleasing in its colour scheme, whilst another showing a stretch of coastline from the Peak makes a very pretty vignette. She has also an effective close up view of a large clump of bourgeoisvillea growing on the hillside with a distant view of hill and water as a subordinate and effective background. An equally agreeable effect is presented in an old church door in Essex.

Mr. Sayer has six delicate pieces of drawing of trees and water edges which show up a series of warm shades of green and brown.

Near this group Mrs. H. K. Prosser has a very nice well-grouped picture of the lowlands at Aberdeen. The colourings in this picture are quite satisfactory.

In a group of eight exhibits by Miss Crawford, there are three lovely studies of Fanling. One especially (No. 33), taken at sundown, is a beautiful composition of rich and lovely colouring and suggests that the artist has a special love for the neighbourhood. Equally successful in a different way is her water colouring of a bit of scenery on the way to Castle Peak, where, again, the sense of rich colour and beauty is evident.

Mrs. Gompertz has the largest collection at the exhibition, having seventeen exhibits. Some of the artist's smaller studies are very successful. Particularly good is the one of a view from Tytan dam, and also that of Little Lough above Lough Mask. Among the larger scenes that depicting the rocks near Castle Peak is the most successful. In some of the others there is something lacking in colour and warmth, but then one has to remember that there are times when the skies above Hongkong are strangely lacking in colour. This probably is the cause of the lack of depth of colour in the pictures. In a picture of Hongkong at night from the harbour Mrs. Gompertz has met with considerable success. Hongkong is reproduced at a time when the twilight has not entirely gone and the newly lighted lamps spangle the hillside like jewels.

Mr. V. Trambitsky has also a number of pictures, whilst there are several excellent photographs by Mr. C. H. Blason, Dr. Woodman and Mrs. Murray.

SPORT.

CRICKET.

OXFORD v. CAMBRIDGE.

A match was played yesterday between eleven representing the two Universities. The Hongkong Club kindly lent their ground and a very successful match resulted in a win for Oxford by three wickets. There is no doubt but that the better side won. The sides were as follows:—

Oxford.—G. R. Sayer (capt.) (Queen's), J. E. Warner (Merton), A. S. Hett (Priel), A. V. T. Dean (Trinity), A. G. M. Fletcher (Trinity), A. E. Wood (Univ.), Rev. A. F. Hamilton (Trinity), R. H. L. Gompertz (Worcester), N. L. Smith (Queen's), E. I. Wynne Jones (Jesus), and R. E. O. Bird (All Souls').

Cambridge.—Sir Claud Severn (capt.) (Selwyn), J. H. B. Nihil (King's), R. E. Lindell (King's), G. C. Harris (King's), J. M. Tan (King's), Rev. E. K. Quick (St. John's), W. Galloway (Queen's), G. Miskin (Cains), Lieut.-Col. W. V. Nicholson (Trinity), H. W. D'Arcy-Evans (Emmanuel), and T. Manders (Gerrard).

Cambridge won the toss and opened with Quick and D'Arcy-Evans to Bird and Warner. In the second over Quick square cut Warner nicely for four and Evans got the same bowler to the pavilion from a full toss to leg. Runs came fast. Evans was dropped at mid-off from a very hard drive and at second slip from a late cut, but in the first case the ball went for two and in the second for four, neither easy chances. Dean finely fielded a very hard hit from the same batsman at deep square leg. Meanwhile Quick was collecting runs comfortably and it was not until 47 had been scored that Evans had the misfortune to tread on his wicket in hooking a short one from Bird behind square leg. Nihil succeeded but was caught at deep square leg by Dean, before he had scored. Galloway hit Bird for 4 and 6 of successive balls, both shots being played to square leg with a horizontal bat. Next over however Quick mis-hit a full toss and was c and b for a very nice 31, while a minute later Galloway, after sweeping Bird again for 4, was caught at long on after a similar shot which he just failed to time. Four for 70. Harris and Nicholson and Miskin soon left but Lindell hit Sayer twice running for 4 before being bowled by him. A four overthrow previously had helped him to put together a useful 10. However with eight down for 60 things looked very gloomy for the Light Blues. But undismayed Manders and Tan in spite of a shaky start put on 25 for the 9th wicket and Sir C. Severn and Tan contributed a further 13 for the tenth. Tan played some very good shots and ran with good judgment. Luck was perhaps a trifle on the batsmen's side at the end. A total of 123 was as much as could be expected after Quick had gone as the Cambridge XI. was on the weak side.

Sayer and Warner came out first for Oxford and opened cautiously to Severn and Quick. The latter was batting very nicely and hit Severn for a beautiful six and a four, before he was bowled by one from Quick that came off much faster than the others. Sayer opened out and Flett looked dangerous when he nicked one from Severn which going through the wicket-keeper's gloves was magnificently taken by Quick left-handed at first slip. Nihil then came on at the Law-Courts end and Dean swung at his first ball and quickid it being caught one-handed by the wicket-keeper. A. G. M. Fletcher who, we believe, has not played cricket in the Colony for a good many years, began very stylishly using the typical left-hander's extra-cover shot with effect. Quick however deceived him with the pace of one and he was caught and bowled. Four for 82. The light was beginning to fail but it was perhaps even worse for the fielders than the batsmen. Sayer was continuing to play excellent cricket and with Wood, who never settled down though he hit a fine six, he raised the score to 107. Hamilton was bowled at 116 by Quick and next ball Lindell held Gompertz at first slip from the same bowler. With three wickets to go and 12 to get in bad light it was anyone's match but Sayer and Smith rose to the occasion, and the runs were secured with about 10 minutes to spare. At close of time Oxford had 151 for 6 wickets.

Sayer's knock, after a very careful start was a fine example of forcing cricket. He drove very hard and barring a chance to deep mid off in the forties, which the fielder did not see at all, he gave no chance. Quick bowled finely all through, and Severn kept a good length in spite of Sayer's hard driving. Bird bowled, as usual, most steadily, and A. E. Wood and H. W. D'Arcy-Evans kept wicket with a great measure of success. The ground fielding on both sides was excellent and very keen and the match proved in every

way a great success, and there is no doubt but that the result represents the true form of the sides.

R. Abart.

Scores:—

CAMBRIDGE.	
Rev. E. K. Quick, c and b Wynne Jones	31
H. W. D'Arcy-Evans, hit wicket, b Bird	14
J. H. B. Nihil, c Dean, b Wynne Jones	10
W. Galloway, c Hett, b Bird	16
G. C. Harris, b Bird	12
R. E. Lindell, b Sayer	16
Lieut.-Col. W. V. Nicholson, c Fletcher, b Sayer	3
G. Miskin, b Bird	1
R. E. O. Bird, not out	17
T. Manders, b Hett	13
Sir C. Severn, c Smith, b Bird	5
Extras	10
Total	123

Bowling Analysis.	
	O. M. R. W.
R. E. O. Bird	12.4 2 36 5
J. E. Warner	4 0 16 0
E. I. Wynne Jones	3 0 6 2
G. R. Sayer	5 0 20 2
A. V. T. Dean	5 0 7 0
A. S. Hett	3 0 13 1

OXFORD.	
G. R. Sayer, b Severn	77
J. E. Warner, b Quick	15
A. S. Hett, c Quick, b Severn	7
A. V. T. Dean, c Evans, b Nihil	11
A. G. M. Fletcher, c and b Quick	9
A. E. Wood, b Severn	17
Rev. A. F. Hamilton, b Quick	4
R. H. L. Gompertz, c Lindell, b Quick	0
N. L. Smith, c Nihil, b Severn	8
E. I. Wynne Jones, not out	2
R. E. O. Bird, not out	1
Extras	2
Total (for 6 wickets)	151

Bowling Analysis.	
	O. M. R. W.
Sir C. Severn	12 0 68 4
Rev. E. K. Quick	15 4 61 4
J. H. B. Nihil	4 0 20 1

CIVIL SERVICE 1st XI. v. CRAIGENOWER.

The following will represent the Hongkong Civil Service Club on the Civil Service ground at 2.15 p.m., on Saturday, December 22nd:—A. E. Wood (captain), G. R. Sayer, B. D. Evans, F. J. de Rome, A. R. Sutherland, F. J. Ling, E. R. Reed, J. H. B. Nihil, R. C. Wicheil, F. H. Holdman and W. H. Edmonds.

UNIVERSITY 1st XI. v. H.K.C.C.

The following have been selected to represent the University 1st XI. in a League match against the H.K.C.C. on the latter's ground on Saturday at 2.15 p.m.:—A. A. Rumjahn (capt.), H. N. Balhetchet, E. K. Quick, M. E. Roffey, A. S. Hett, T. O. Yeow, S. Shababudin, D. Laing, A. Hoalim, S. O. Shababudin and W. M. Gittins.

UNIVERSITY 2nd XI. v. H.K.C.C. 2nd XI.

The following have been selected to represent the University 2nd XI. in a League match against the H.K.C.C. 2nd XI. to be played on the Home ground on Saturday at 2.15 p.m.:—J. L. Young (capt.), M. B. Omar, O. A. Peterson, H. Y. Lau, C. W. Lam, N. A. Kyum, T. Barma, H. Y. Leong, H. Hunt, V. F. R. Vicajee and B. P. Ng.

BRUTAL MURDER.

PUSHED INTO DEEP CUTTING.

A collier foreman is believed to have been murdered on Tuesday at the junction of Hatten and Conduit Roads, by a number of men said to be employed by a contractor constructing a new road in the locality. The man is believed to have been assaulted and pushed over the railing of a bamboo bridge, into a deep cutting.

It has been learnt that earlier in the day, the murdered man stopped a man who was cutting down trees near Hatten Road, and it is thought that he was attacked out of revenge.

THE SHANGHAI DISASTER.

MESSRS. PARSONS OFFER TO REPLACE TURBINE.

The Engineer-in-Chief and Manager of the Shanghai Electricity Department has reported to the Electricity Committee that within two days of the accident which occurred on November 15th at the Riverside Power Station, at which a 20,000 K.W. turbine was wrecked, he received a cablegram from Messrs. Parsons & Co., Ltd., the builders of the turbine, expressing their deepest regret at the accident and loss of life, and undertaking to replace the turbine and reconstruction, the whole of their plant entirely at their cost. The Electricity Committee noted with extreme gratification Messrs. Parsons' prompt acceptance of liability and undertaking to make good the damage.

After seven years of prohibition the electors of Alberta have, by a large majority, decided to permit the sale of liquors through Government vendors on a permit system.



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3.-Other places via Amoy or Shanghai including Chaofo, Tientsin, Peking and other North China Stations	1.20	0.15	0.80

E. V. JESSEN, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1923. [1742]

THE VICTORIA DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A SCHOOLS ENTERTAINMENT.

IN THE THEATRE ROYAL CITY HALL.

MONDAY, JANUARY 14TH, 1924, at 4.30 P.M.

The following Schools will be represented:-

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TICKETS - \$2.00 (Reserved) and \$1.00.

Booking at Messrs. MOUTRIE'S. Tickets can also be obtained from Mr. T. S. W. CHAN at Diocesan Boys' Schools.

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NOTICE.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE FEDERATED MALAY STATES.

(STATE OF NEGRI SEMBILAN).

ESTATE OF CHOO FAT alias CHOO PUT, deceased, formerly of Negri Sembilan.

The sum of \$4,670.18 Straits Settlements Currency, being the residue of the above estate, is lying unclaimed in the hands of the Under-Sheriff.

Unless Legal Claim be established within Six Months of the Date of this Notice the said Money will be credited to the Revenue of the State of Negri Sembilan.

H. A. FORRER, Official Administrator, Negri Sembilan.

Dated at Seremban, Negri Sembilan, 7th December, 1923. [1737]

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificate No. 7436 dated Hongkong 5th April, 1923, for Five Shares of this Bank numbered 62976/62980 inclusive registered in the Name, Mrs. GLAFIRA MARIA ECA DA SILVA ABELIA has been destroyed by Fire, and should this Certificate not be produced to the Bank before the 17th January, 1924, a New Certificate for the Shares will be issued, and the aforesaid Certificate No. 7436 will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as Null and Void.

By Order of the Court of Directors, A. G. STEPHEN, Chief Manager.

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NOTICE.

UNITED INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

CERTIFICATE No. A/63 for Nine Shares, \$4 per share paid up, numbered 88043/88051 in this Society standing in the name of KWONG SING LUNG of Yokohama has been declared LOST, and if at the expiration of One Month from the Date hereof the above document be not forthcoming the said Certificate will be deemed cancelled and of no effect, and a NEW Certificate for the Nine Shares will be issued in its stead by the Society.

C. MONTAGUE EDE, General Manager.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1923. [1686]

INTIMATIONS

MONIES up to \$175,000 are available for Investment on First Class Mortgage, Security subject to a Trustee Valuation. Apply to Messrs. DEACON, HARSTON & SHERTON, 1, Des Vaux Road Central.

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO., (1918), Ltd.

THE FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 20th DECEMBER, 1923, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ended 30th September, 1923, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from Friday, the 7th December, 1923, until Thursday, the 20th December, 1923, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 30th November, 1923. [1682]

THE CHINESE ENGINEERING AND MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

PAYMENT OF FINAL DIVIDEND ON SHARES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1923.

THE Board having declared a FINAL DIVIDEND of 8 1/2% (Eight and one-half per cent.) free of Income Tax for the year ending 30th JUNE 1923. Holders of Registered Shares and Holders of Dividend Warrants received from London on account of Registered Shares, will be paid their Dividends on presenting No. 23 Coupon of the Bearer Shares, and Dividend Warrants on Registered Shares, to either of the following Banks at Shanghai or Tientsin:-

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THE BANQUE BELGE POUR L'ETRANGER.

The Payments will be made in either Dollars or Taels, as the Holder may wish, at the buying rate of Exchange of the Day.

P. C. YOUNG, General Manager.

KAILAN MINING ADMINISTRATION. [1708]

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COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that SEALED TENDERS in Triplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for Quarries," will be received at this Office until Noon on MONDAY, the 24th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1923, for the letting of the undermentioned Granite Quarries at Hongkong and the New Territories, for one year or, as an alternative, for a period of 3 years from the 1st January, 1924.

Each Tender must be accompanied by a receipt to the effect that the Tenderer has deposited in the Colonial Treasury a sum as stated in the Schedule hereunder opposite to each Quarry, as a pledge of the bona fides of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown, if the Tenderer refuses to carry out his Tender and comply with the conditions hereinafter contained, should the Tender be accepted.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any Tender.

Forms of Tender can be obtained from the Director of Public Works.

PARTICULARS OF THE QUARRIES.

Approximate Upset Deposit

Quarry Lot No. Area in Acres. Annual with Crown Tender.

Ah Kung Ngam No. 1. 2.15 \$ 500.00 \$ 60.00

Ah Kung Ngam No. 2. 33. 280.00 50.00

Tao Tse Wan No. 1. 2.24 200.00 50.00

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Sai To Wan No. 1. 12.40 3,400.00 340.00

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Leyman No. 5. 1.25 200.00 50.00

Leyman No. 6. 1.25 200.00 50.00

Leyman No. 7. 1.25 200.00 50.00

Chia Kwo Liang No. 1. 6.52 1,380.00 140.00

Chia Kwo Liang No. 2. 9.17 1,830.00 180.00

Chia Kwo Liang No. 3. 11.46 2,280.00 230.00

Chia Kwo Liang No. 4. 10.37 2,060.00 200.00

Ngau Tan Kok No. 1. 6.88 1,380.00 140.00

Ngau Tan Kok No. 2. 12.94 2,560.00 260.00

Ngau Tan Kok No. 3. 11.15 2,230.00 220.00

Ngau Tan Kok No. 4. 6.87 1,380.00 140.00

Ngau Tan Kok No. 5. 1.27 200.00 50.00

Ngau Tan Kok No. 6. 1.28 200.00 50.00

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Shankiwan Lot No. 2. 40.38 8,080.00 800.00

Kowloon No. 1. 11.10 4,400.00 450.00

Kowloon No. 2. 7.04 2,800.00 280.00

Kowloon No. 3. 4.09 1,600.00 160.00

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INTIMATIONS

NOTICE.

MR. W. A. STEPHENS has been appointed Manager of the NESTLE & ANGLO-SWISS CONDENSED MILK COMPANY's business in Shanghai and North China and takes up his New Duties from JANUARY 1st Next.

Mr. H. C. SHREWSBURY succeeds Mr. STEPHENS as Manager for Hongkong and South China. [1715]

THE KOWLOON LAND & BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE KOWLOON LAND & BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 4, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Victoria, Hongkong, at NOON, on the 18th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1923, when the Subjoined Resolution will be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution that is to say:-

"That the Company be Wound Up voluntarily."

AND NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that a further EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Same Time and Place on the 4th DAY OF JANUARY, 1924, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Proceedings at the above mentioned Meeting and of confirming if thought fit as a Special Resolution the above mentioned Resolution.

A further Resolution will be proposed at the Second Meeting for the appointment of a Liquidator or Liquidators for the purposes of such Winding Up and fixing his or their remuneration.

L. S. GREENHILL, Acting Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., General Agents for the KOWLOON LAND & BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

Hongkong, 29th November, 1923. [1654]

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 24th day of December, 1923, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the GOVERNOR, of one LOT OF CROWN LAND at Bowen Road in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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MARRIAGE. KINNAIRD-McMILLAN-A Union Church, Kennedy Road, on December 19th, by the Rev. J. K. Macdonald, JOHN DANIEL FLEMING, Greenock, to ANNA MARIA AMERSON, youngest daughter of the late JAMES McMILLAN, Greenock. [1735]

Hongkong Office: 14, Chater Road. London Office: 181, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 20TH, 1923.

EXIT, THE KING OF GREECE.

THE news the cables brought yesterday to the effect that the Greek Government had advised the King to leave the country, and that the King promptly acted on the advice, has long been expected. The violence of the Greek Republican campaign against the Crown as described by Press correspondents, at Athens more than a month ago, was astounding. Colonel CONNELL, the commander of the Salonika division, in a recent speech, said:

"What I want to bring out is the cause for the sake of which our treacherous royalists raised the splendid edifice reared by Venizelos. It was not that this cause was stronger than Greek patriotism, but that Greek patriotism showed weakness in its attitude towards a perfidious and anti-national dynasty. It has driven out the father and retained the son. The poisonous tree has preserved its root."

Here, again, is an extract from one of General PANGLOSS' denunciations:

"No dynasty has accumulated upon a nation so many disasters as the present dynasty. Opinions and telegrams have been asked for from the four corners of the universe. Advice is being sought of the British, of the French—who knows, perhaps even of the Chinese, but the opinion of the Greek people is not solicited."

There were indications some two months ago that the Greek Government was contemplating proclaiming a republic in consequence of the facts revealed by the enquiry into a revolt in the Army, but final decisions were apparently deferred pending inquiries as to how certain foreign Powers viewed the prospect of a Constitutional change—a circumstance that appears, however, to

have added fuel to the fire, as one of the extracts above quoted shows. The Greek Government had inquired of the British Chargé d'Affaires in Athens what was thought in Great Britain of the Constitutional issue in Greece, and it is stated a verbal reply was given which a Diplomatic Correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says, "certainly did depreciate violent Constitutional changes, as M. VENIZELLOS has also depreciated them, and suggested that, were King GEORGE II to remain, with the support of the Greek people, his presence might not be without its value in Anglo-Greek relations. But some of the versions published would give to the British démarche, which was only made in response to a request by the Greek Government, a character of emphatic intrusion into Greek domestic affairs, which it was not intended to, and did not, in fact, possess." The Greek elections, which were held on the 16th inst., have presumably settled the issue. M. VENIZELLOS has been elected. Reuter tells us that many Royalists, voted for him, "considering him to be the only politician able to extricate Greece from her impasse, and in view of his moderation on the dynastic question." M. VENIZELLOS has not been in his native land for the past three years. He last left Athens secretly at midnight between November 16th and 17th, 1920, and embarked on board a yacht, which was escorted out of Greek waters by a British destroyer to guard against any attempt against his safety by his then newly-victorious political opponents, who had just defeated him in a General Election and were on the point of recalling King CONSTANTINE. He afterwards announced that he would never return to Greece. Many appeals have recently been made to him to return. General ORTHANOS went specially to Paris early last month to report on the views of "M. VENIZELLOS on the Constitutional question, and the Times Correspondent at Athens wrote: "It is generally believed that the Government and the military members of the Revolutionary Party, except the irreconcilable Republicans, will abide by the decision of M. VENIZELLOS. There has been no news that the statesman who is regarded as the "only man capable of clearing up the situation" has returned to Greece, and his election, presumably, has taken place in his absence. The King was advised to leave the country "until the National Assembly decides on the regime best befitting the country." There has been no declaration yet of his disengagement, but in view of the intense hostility to the Royal House that prevails in Greece, it is not

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.
[THROUGH ROUTE'S AGENCY.]

THE GREEK CRISIS

KING GRANTED SUBSTANTIAL ALLOWANCE.

ATHENS, December 18th.

The King, on his departure, was granted a million drachmas to defray expenses, also 1,650,000 drachmas of an allowance payable pending a solution of the constitutional question.

FRANCE REFUSES TO INTERFERE.

PARIS, December 18th.

Commenting on events in Greece, the *Matin* says that Yugo-Slavia and Rumania have appealed to France in an endeavour to save the Greek Dynasty, but the French Government wisely refrained from interfering.

EARLIER CABLES.

ANTI-DYNASTIC DEMONSTRATIONS.

ATHENS, December 18th.

Prior to the Cabinet's communication to the King the Republicans organised an anti-dynastic meeting, the demonstrators including soldiers and sailors. A speech by a Naval ex-commander was received with cries of "Down with the King." The demonstrators went in procession to the Premier's office, shouting similar words, and submitted a resolution in favour of the King's dethronement. Thereupon the military and political leaders conferred, and informed the demonstrators that the Cabinet would consider the resolution.

LATEST CABLES.

COTTON TRADE COMMITTEE NO FURTHER DISCUSSION OF CONTROL.

LONDON, December 18th.

The Joint Cotton Trade Committee, which met at Manchester, passed the following resolution: "That no object could be served by further discussing the question of control of the whole cotton trade."

The question of control of the American spinning section will be referred to a sub-committee.

The Conference decided to investigate other matters which may help the betterment of the present conditions as a whole.

The Conference also discussed speculation in futures and Empire cotton growing. Decisions were deferred temporarily.

EARLIER CABLES.

TANGIER CONVENTION SIGNED.

TRIUMPH FOR BRITISH DIPLOMACY.

PARIS, December 18th.

A convention settling the international status of Tangier has been signed by Britain, France and Spain at the Quai d'Orsay this afternoon. The Spanish delegates only signed *ad referendum*, and the protocol will remain open for some time to enable the Spanish Government to study and test the convention before final signature.

A DECADE OF WRANGLING ENDED.

LONDON, December 18th.

The signing of the Tangier Convention is regarded as a triumph for British Diplomacy, ending a decade of wrangling. The convention opens a fine opportunity for British trade at the port of Tangier, which will be modernised. The capitalations disappear, and British residents will be answerable to a British court alone. It is hoped compromises will be effected to obviate friction between the conflicting authorities—French, British, Spanish and Italian.

The Tangier Convention provides for permanent neutrality, forbidding all fortifications, and places the port under an international regime giving economic equality to all nations.

BRITAIN AND AFGHANISTAN

BRITISH AND AFGHAN FORCES CO-OPERATE.

LONDON, December 18th.

Reuter learns that a large, well-equipped Afghan army has left Kabul and arrived at Jalalabad, in the neighbourhood of which the murderers of British subjects are hiding. The British military authorities are taking all the necessary steps to co-operate with the Afghans.

PARIS REPORT DENIED.

LONDON, December 18th.

The alleged statements by the Afghan Minister in Paris are officially declared in London to be entirely baseless. The Minister is known to be somewhat unfriendly towards Britain. Apart from the murders of British subjects, there have been other grounds for complaint with regard to the attitude of the Afghan Government, owing to its continual interference with the tribes on the British side of the frontier; consequently by virtue of the Anglo-Afghan treaty it has been found necessary to prevent the passage of arms and munitions to Afghanistan until a satisfactory settlement has been reached.

MALAYAN TIN INDUSTRY. SUBSIDY MAY BE GRANTED DREDGING CO.

LONDON, December 18th.

The *Industrial Daily News* learns on good authority that it is expected the Treasury will shortly approve of the application of the Malayan Tin Dredging Company Limited, for a guarantee. It is stated that the company propose to carry out extensive developments, including the erection of an electrical power station, the electrifying of the existing plant, and the construction of a powerful new electrical dredge. If the negotiations with the Trade Facilities Advisory Committee be successful, the whole of the contract will be immediately placed with British engineers.

WAGES ON BRITISH RAILWAYS. THREATENED TROUBLE AVERTED.

LONDON, December 18th.

It is understood that all question of railway trouble has been removed by the award of the Railway Wages Board, signed to-day, which does not contemplate any serious reduction of wages. All the members endorsed the report of the companies' representatives abandoning the larger demands in view of the recent rise in the cost of living, while it is believed the men's unions are prepared to agree to the abolition of certain anomalies which the companies consider are productive of wasteful working and overlapping.

EUROPEAN PROBLEMS. LEADERS OF POLITICAL PARTIES CONSULTED.

LONDON, December 18th.

Speculation has been evoked by a brief visit of Sir John Bradbury to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald at Lonsborough today. It is believed to have some bearing on Sir John Bradbury's endeavour to secure representative men to assist in the settlement of European problems.

Sir John Bradbury, interviewed, explained he had consulted Mr. MacDonald, also other leaders of parties, regarding suitable men for membership of the reparations enquiry committee.

EMPIRE FELLOWSHIP. PRINCE OF WALES ACCEPTS PRESIDENCY.

LONDON, December 18th.

The Prince of Wales has accepted the presidency of a fellowship formed in connection with the Empire Exhibition with a view to recruiting enthusiasts all over the Empire to assist Empire trade and industry, instituting prizes designed to further Imperial education, also scholarships of a thousand sterling each for settlement of young Britons overseas and the education of young Dominion students in Britain. Mr. Baldwin has sent a message wishing the fellowship success.

LIBERALS DENOUNCE THE GOVERNMENT.

A RECORD OF INCOMPETENCE.

LONDON, December 18th.

At a meeting of Liberal M.P.'s at the National Liberal Club, Mr. Asquith said there had been no overtures whatever by the Liberals with the leaders of either parties. He intended to preserve that freedom completely. The Liberals controlled the situation, and the days of the present Government were numbered. The Government's record was one of incompetence. They had reduced the country to a cipher in the councils of the world. He would not move a finger to connive in a prolongation of their disastrous stewardship. Mr. Lloyd George said he completely agreed with Mr. Asquith's policy.

THE TRANSPOUL FLIGHT

CHRISTIANIA, December 18th.

Captain Amundsen states that agreements have been concluded enabling him to carry out the proposed polar flight from Spitzbergen to Alaska. An expedition with at least three machines will go northward as early as possible, flying between May and August.

COUNTY CRICKET SCORING RULES FOR NEXT SEASON.

LONDON, December 18th.

The Marylebone C. C. has passed a resolution that the scoring in the county championship shall be five points for a win in a completed match. Should a match be uncompleted the side leading on the first innings shall get three points, and their opponents one. In the event of a tie the points shall be divided. Matches in which no result in the first innings is attained will not be included in the table of results.

EARLIER CABLES.

RUSSIA AND AMERICA.

RUSSIA MUST SHOW EVIDENCE OF GOOD FAITH.

WASHINGTON, December 18th.

Mr. Hughes has indirectly informed the Russian Government that there seems at present no reason for negotiations, as suggested, in M. Chicherin's message mentioned yesterday. He added that the American Government is not proposing to barter away its principles. Moscow should, as evidence of good faith, restore the confiscated American property, or make compensation, and repeal the decree repudiating Russia's obligations towards America. The Government cannot enter into negotiations until the propaganda to overthrow the institutions of the United States be abandoned.

New York, December 18th.

While the *Herald* and the *Tribune* approve of Mr. Hughes' reply to Russia, the *World* asserts that it is a little difficult to understand why Mr. Hughes rejected so angrily the proposals which President Coolidge seemed to invite.

LATEST CABLES.

MEXICAN FRACAS. FEDERAL TROOPS SUFFER A REVERSE.

VERA CRUZ, December 18th.

Newspaper correspondents with the Rebels report that the Federal forces have been forced to withdraw from San Marcos, and that General Cavazos, Federal Chief of Staff, has been killed.

EARLIER CABLES.

REBELS LOSING GROUND.

MEXICO CITY, December 18th.

The War Department announces that the revolutionaries have evacuated Puebla, and the Federal forces have occupied Almazan and Lugo Gonzalez.

El Paso, December 18th.

It is officially announced that the Federal forces have taken San Marcos, capturing an immense amount of ammunition and small arms and a number of guns. Several trains are steadily advancing on the rebels' seaport stronghold.

LATEST CABLES.

AMERICA RATIFIES ARBITRATION TREATIES.

WASHINGTON, December 18th.

The Senate has ratified the renewal of Arbitration Treaties with Great Britain, France, Norway, Portugal and Japan.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH ROUTE'S AGENCY.] SEQUEL TO THE PEKING PARLIAMENTARY FIGHT.

PEKING, December 18th.

In the House of Representatives, after the free fight between opposition factions, Mr. Wang Ching Lien, the Speaker, called the Procurator's two doctors to examine his injuries, after which he induced his followers to take note of the nomination of Sun Pao Chi as Premier. This proved abortive, upwards of a hundred only voting, the abstainers including the Opposition and those remaining neutral. The ballot box was not opened.

On the arrival of the Procurator's doctors, photos were taken of Wu's injuries. Wu standing, with a bleeding face, on the floor of the House. These will be used as evidence at the forthcoming legal proceedings, which Wu announced will shortly be taken.

MARQUIS SAIONJI SUFFERING FROM PARALYSIS.

TOKYO, December 18th.

The *Jiji* reports that Marquis Saionji has had a stroke of paralysis at his home at Okitsu.

[BY COURTESY OF "THE DAILY BULLETIN."] CHUNGKING CAMPAIGN.

RETREATING SZECHUAN ARMY.

PEKING, December 18th.

Yang Sen's main army remains at Chungking resting and refitting.

The Yunnanese, who retreated across the Yangtze when Yang Sen approached, reached Kiating, southward of Chungking and some 40 kilometres from Nanchuan, where Yang Sen had stationed an outpost. The latter is a small mobile force, able to retreat quickly if attacked by the Yunnanese.

The retreating Szechuan army began to retreat in the direction of Kiating, but the so-called Szechuan neutral forces left Luchow for Kiating on the fall of Chungking with the intention of cutting off the Szechuan army. The latter thereupon turned abruptly to the North, and is now marching in the direction of Kiating, which is about 50 kilometres from Chungking in the direction of Chengtu.

Yang Sen stationed another outpost at Pi-hanhsien, 20 kilometres west of Chungking.

Reports indicate that the Kweichow army did not enter Chungking. The Chungkingites appealed to Yuan Tsung-ming to send out the Kweichow army from Szechuan, as they were liable to looting. Ostensibly complying, Yuan Tsung-ming sent two divisions back to Kweichow. These divisions were recruited from the bandits who were recruited from the excellent fighters they are always difficult to control. When the fighting ceased, Yang Sen consented to their departure, saying that he had plenty of troops to meet emergencies.

It is estimated that Yang Sen still has eight divisions.

It is reported, however, that two Kweichow divisions are required at Kweichow, where a movement is on foot to turn out Tang Chi-yu, who assumed control after the death of the Tachun, Liu Hsin-shih. The latter drove out Yuan Tsung-ming and the military authorities suspect that he thinks the time is ripe to return and secure control under Wu Pei-fu.

CHINA'S MINISTER OF FINANCE.

PEKING, December 17th.

In the Senate, this afternoon, the Chairman explained that Wang K'eh-ming had not withdrawn his resignation, while Koo Ling-wai was still ill, but Dr. Wellington Koo would arrive presently.

Dr. Wellington Koo emphasized that he spoke as Foreign Minister and not as a representative of the Government.

THE GOLD FRANC ISSUE.

PEKING, December 17th.

On February 10th, Huang Fu, the then Minister of Finance, informed the French Legation that China would pay in gold francs.

The French Minister, on February 13th, requested the Government to act in accordance with Huang Fu's promise, while on February 24th, the French Minister, interviewing Tao K'un, expressed satisfaction with the Government's promise. Since then, H.E. A. J. de Fleury has repeatedly requested a settlement on that basis, while the signatory Powers have all again and again urged China to pay in gold.

On November 23rd, the Waichangou, replying to the Ministers of the signatory Powers, informed them that it was impossible to pay the French, Italian, Belgian and Spanish indemnities in gold. Last year, the Belgian Minister agreed to the postponement of the Belgian share for two years, but since has notified China that Belgium must be paid in gold.

Dr. Wellington Koo has now telegraphed to experts abroad asking their legal opinion and when these are received they will help China in reaching a final decision.

Some of the Senators showed their dissatisfaction, saying they wanted a full official statement from the Government, and that Wang K'eh-ming, Koo Ling-wai and Dr. Wellington Koo must give such on Wednesday.

The Senate adjourned with that understanding.

OUR LONDON LETTER.

PREPARING FOR THE FISCAL CAMPAIGN IN Gt. BRITAIN.

THE OLD BATTLE OF FREE TRADE AGAIN.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.] LONDON, November 8th.

INTEREST IN POLITICS.

It is of interest to note that there is a revival of something like the old attention to the political drama, since the prospect of Protection *versus* Free Trade has arisen. The Coalition was responsible for the death of reality in political affairs, and it was bad for the country. Now, a great many prominent men who have been safely moored in the quiet backwaters of politics will have to declare themselves on a national issue of the first importance. It is true, of course, that we had a return to party when the Conservatives got into office at the last General Election; but there are many leading members of the Party who have held themselves aloof, and have not helped their old friends. They will have to come out in the open on one side or the other before many weeks are over.

During the past week it has been curious to observe a distinct movement towards re-union among the two sections of the Liberals, and it is considered almost certain that they will come closer together as the fiscal fight develops, as it is bound to do, on behalf of the very existence of Free Trade. The Liberals of every shade are agreed on that subject, and are staunch to the old faith. Labour is also definitely for Free Trade, and it remains to be seen how far the two parties will be able to work together in defence of the common cause. If they can agree not to oppose each other in the constituencies, thereby splitting votes and letting the Conservatives win hands down—which has been happening at bye-elections—I would not give much for the chances of the Tariff Reformers at the General Election.

IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS.

I am bound to say that nobody believes that the Government's new policy will arouse any widespread enthusiasm. Free Traders are pointing out that large sections of the unemployed, whose condition is put forward as the justification of the Protectionist plan, belong to occupations that cannot be affected by tariffs. Not only will these trades derive no benefit, but the workers will suffer in an especial degree from the increased cost of living.

In the second place, it is said that interference with imports must injure the shipping trade and throw ship workers out of employment. Again, the stoppage of imports from abroad by the operation of tariffs must have the concomitant effect of reducing the capacity of the foreigner to purchase British goods, and that in turn means the dismissal of men at present employed in our factories. By the time that nine men have found work by the removal of competing imports ten men would be thrown out of work by the diminution of orders from abroad. This, it is asserted, is what will come to pass if the attempt succeeds to make this country prosperous by means of taxes on imports—that is, by means of raising prices.

A CITY SENSATION.

The biggest sensation for a long time in commercial and financial circles in London, is the supplanting of the directors of the Associated Portland Cement Company with a capital of £13,000,000. The Company controls practically the whole of the trade. The surprising thing is that it was done so quietly.

The directors woke up one morning—not to find themselves famous, as Lord Byron said on a memorable occasion—but to find that control had been taken from them.

Mr. Henry S. Horne, a member of a London stock-broking firm, has been buying the shares of the Company in the open market for the last few years, and he has done it so well that no suspicion was excited, and he has at last got control. He had big financial interests behind him, of course, and it is all to the good that the scheme has nothing of the company-wrecking or gambling element about it, but is designed to develop the possibilities of the cement industry. Mr. Horne's idea is that just as there has been a Long Age, we are at the beginning of a Cement Age—concent for roads, for motorcars at home and abroad, cement for building, for engineering, etc.—and he and his associates mean to make the most of it.

With regard to the difficulties that have arisen between the Post Office and the Marconi Company on the working of wireless telegraphy within the Empire, resulting in a deadlock to which reference was made in a recent article—I hear that negotiations have broken down. It is furthermore understood that they are not likely to be re-opened unless the Post Office adopts a more conciliatory attitude towards the Company over the proposed arrangements for carrying on the business. The question has been hung up owing to the hard and fast conditions which the Post Office considered necessary to impose, and the latest development of the dispute will be regretted by the Dominions.

BURIED IN THE ABBEY.

Perhaps the most striking thing about the burial of Mr. Bonar Law in Westminster Abbey was the simplicity of the ceremony. It was in keeping with the character of the man himself. There have been funerals in the Abbey when the prevailing note was pompous magnificence and formality; but somehow on this occasion there was an air of homely beauty about the service that was quite remarkable. The venerable and historic building was crowded with distinguished people, but in all the essentials the service was in no respect different from that which is carried out in a country churchyard.

His last resting place is beneath the floor of the nave, which is now set apart for the tombs of statesmen, and all that will mark the spot will be a simple inscription giving his name and the day of his death. It is in strong contrast to the many overpowering effigies that are in the north transept of the Abbey, not a few of them to second-rate personages of the 15th Century when the Abbey authorities were far too liberal in granting permission for burials to take place within the walls.

THE MOTOR SHOW.

This week the first "case" of divorce under the new Act passed last July came before the Court. This Act enables a wife to obtain her freedom simply by proving adultery on the part of her husband, whereas previously it was necessary also to prove cruelty or desertion. I learn on inquiry that there is every prospect that petitions for divorce on the part of wives will be more and more numerous as time passes. This is expected because of the greater facility granted by the new Act, and also because the experiment recent made of permitting judges on circuit to hear divorce petitions at assizes. It is stated that at one assize to be held shortly no fewer than thirty-five cases are down for hearing.

THERE are a thousand motor cars at Olympia this week where the 17th annual exhibition has attracted a big crowd. People are seen everywhere with their eyes fixed on the cars, and not a few visitors have come specially from abroad. The claim is made that the motor show is essentially a cosmopolitan place, and there is truth in it judging by the babel of tongues in nearly every European language which is to be heard in and around the stands and along the three miles of avenues within the area of the exhibition.

A feature of the show which has impressed everybody is the development of the small car. The car with a dicky is not quite so much in favour, and there is a tendency towards the "chummy" car which enables four persons to ride in comfort in what is really a two-seater. Light four seaters are being turned out by manufacturers in immense numbers, and they are models of comfort. Prices have been reduced on many of the popular makes of cars from £25 to £125 on last year's figures. This is an indication that the makers have set out to cater for the man of moderate means.

The owner-driver has nothing that he can grumble about in regard to the way his wants are met by manufacturers of light motor-cars. I heard of one British company which was able to boast of having booked over a thousand orders on the first day of the show, and there are other firms whose output for next year has all been taken up by their own agents. This is good for the motor industry, and also for allied trades. It is said that 14,000 firms in this country are now engaged in the production of cars or parts.

SHORT MEASURES IN TRADE ABROAD.

I am informed that complaints have reached the London Chamber of Commerce from overseas buyers of British goods that there is great dissatisfaction owing to short measures. This is particularly the case in South America and Japan. Inquiries show that the trouble is due to the use of German tape measures, which are accurately marked with metric measurements on one side, and with the old German yard or "elle" of 37 inches on the other side.

This is obviously a matter of serious importance where British goods are concerned, and the Chamber has warned its correspondents abroad as well as the Board of Trade and the Department of Overseas Trade. The question of British prestige is involved. It is pointed out that injury will be done unless foreign buyers use measures of British standard and manufacture. In one specific instance where cloth was shipped to South America and complaint of short measure was received the actual measure used by the purchaser was obtained, and it was found that it was a marked "Rhine-land," and gave the German yard or "elle" of 37 inches.

A SLANGING MATCH.

THE ESKIMOS' COUNTERPART OF OUR LAW COURTS.

Christian Leden, the Norwegian explorer, has spent practically the whole of the last fifteen years among the Eskimos of Greenland and Alaska, and has some curious stories to tell of the habits of those northern tribes, many of whom had never seen a white man until Leden visited them. The explorer, who has a very high opinion of these men, who, though hardly civilised, have many points of superiority over more cultivated races. Lying, theft, and murder are, he says, almost unknown among them, and in their social customs they offer an example of solidarity such as it is difficult to find among other peoples. Disputes arise, of course, and they are often settled by duels, but these duels, instead of being murderous, are musical. The two opponents meet before an assembly of the tribe, and then take turns to sing songs in which they abuse and ridicule each other to the best of their ability. At the end of the duel of song the assembly judges which has had the better of the argument, and honour is thus satisfied. Eskimos, he finds, believe not only in a Supreme Power, but in immortality for both men and animals, with punishment for the wicked and rewards for the good. But, contrary to religious conceptions in more temperate climates, the Eskimos' Heaven is a hot place situated in the bowels of the earth, while their equivalent for Hell is believed to exist above the clouds, where it is very cold. They are a good, sensible people, says Leden, tolerant and peaceful by nature, and only combative when under the spell of fear. Their attitude to their fellow-men is very much like their attitude to the Supreme Being, incarnated for them in the goddess Nulidjok. For they neither pray nor worship, but simply aim at living in harmony with all forces which surround them.

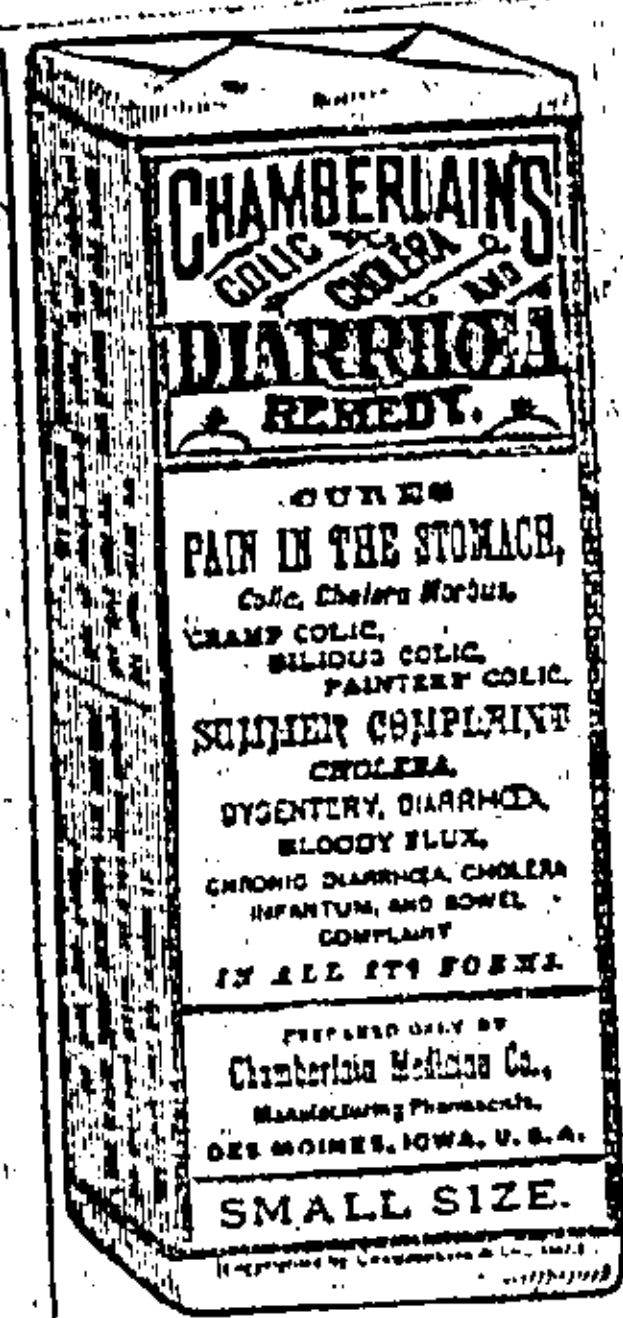
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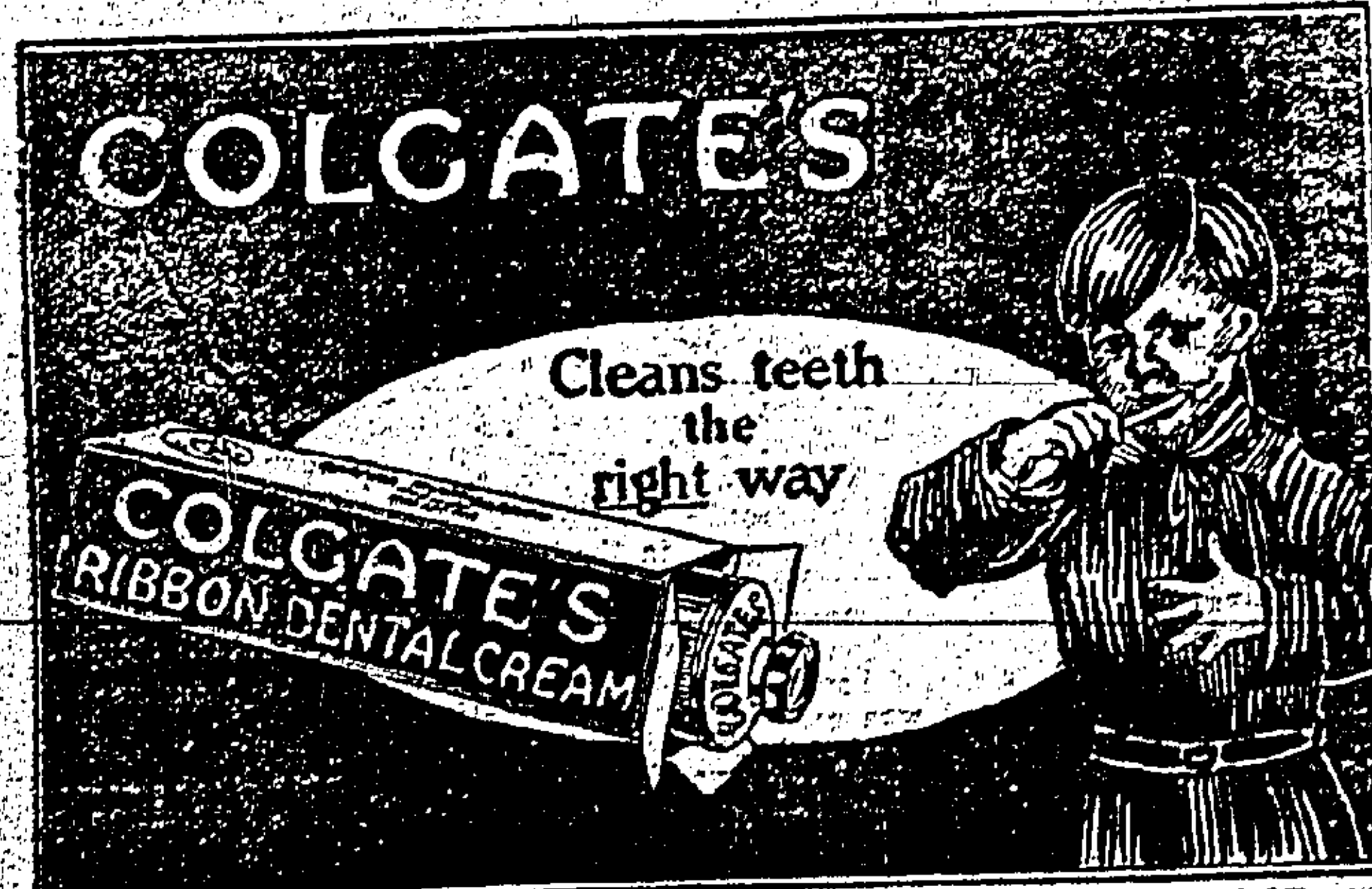
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Good form in this particular interpretation of the phrase is a kind of social cement which helps one to get through life easily. But why some things should be good form and others not I have no precise idea, though I think there is a kind of instinct for differentiating.

Of course one may assert if one likes that the good form of one class is not the good form of another; but as a matter of fact we use the words as though they were not relative and were applicable to no one class in particular. One speaks as if a thing either was or was not good form—and there is the end of it.

PLAYING THE GAME.

But there is another aspect of good form which is of much greater importance, and that is the aspect which deals with conduct in the real meaning of the word. In this significance it stands for "playing the game." When a man shrugs his shoulders in regard to another man's behaviour and observes coldly "Dad form," it is the most deadly way he has of expressing the opinion that the other is a cad.

The unwritten code which says that certain things are not done, with its penalties of social ostracism and contempt, is a kind of acknowledgment that the actual laws of the country are not sufficient to deal with all forms of social menace.

I do not mean to imply that good form, however rigorously interpreted, covers every question of conduct. Unfortunately it does not. Like all codes, it is bound by certain conventions of what is or not permissible—and these conventions are not always entirely reasonable.

But what one can say is that it does cover many of the most serious questions of conduct. A boy who has once assimilated its spirit very rarely runs counter to its teaching.

SCHOOL TRADITION.

Indeed, the inculcation of what is good form in regard to conduct is probably the most lasting asset a boy can carry away from school. He mostly derives it from his school tradition. And that is why such institutions as public schools, which have definite and strong traditions, are valuable even when their teaching is negligible—they develop an ideal of character if they don't always impart much knowledge.

Luckily, however, for the nation, a great many people who know nothing about good form in the drawing-room sense, and who have had, further, no opportunity of such an education as would teach them its broader implications, have nevertheless a natural instinct for it. Some of the finest gentlemen I have ever met were not polished in the accepted sense. But they would certainly never have done a mean thing or a thing that showed a want of innate delicacy. Their good form was not a conscious code, but it was there in the ultimate meaning of the word.

SNOBISHNESS BAD FORM.

Like all those things which, generally speaking, have an artificial manner to cloak their real importance, good form is often regarded as a sort of snobishness by those who don't know what it stands for. But as soon as it actually becomes that, it is no longer good form, but exceedingly bad form. It is, in its essence, a way of regarding life. It is wanting, perhaps, in generosity of outlook, because it is a rigid code from which there must be no falling off; but, on the other hand, cold, though it be, it is to be relied on.

Many a man would rather die than do something which he knew his companions would consider bad form, just as many a man would rather pay his gambling debts than his creditors.

On the whole, therefore, good form does stand for an admirable ideal, though, of course, it is petty in some of its manifestations and stilted in others. If it is a social code in one direction, it is a moral code in another.—By JOHN BLOUNT, in the Daily Mail.

FOUNDING OF THE CAPITAL

Lecturing before a meeting of the British Academy last month, Professor Tout, showed that in medieval times a fixed capital was not a necessity for the State, and that Winchester had stronger claim than London to be the capital till King Henry II. definitely established the Exchequer at Westminster. King Edward I's pre-occupation in his Welsh and Scottish wars brought a large concentration of offices of government to Shrewsbury and York. Had the third Edward been successful in his revival of his grandfather's Northern policy, York might very well have taken the place of Westminster as the State capital. It was the wealth of London that made its claim pre-eminent, and its greater accessibility when Edward III. turned from his Scottish adventure, to spend the nation's resources in the conquest of France. London was the economic capital; but by the presence of the Royal palace, the fixed Courts of justice, and the Parliament house, and the public offices grouped about them, Westminster, and not London, became the political capital, and so remained to this day.

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AUSTRALIAN DEFENCES.

GENERAL MONASH'S STRONG CRITICISM.

General Monash, in the course of his
visit to Sydney, made pessimistic refer-
ences to the condition of the Australian
defence forces. The reduction of the
Defence Vote, he said, was not merely
destroying defence, it was destroying the
means of recruiting it. What made Aus-
tralia capable of enrolling and despatch-
ing five infantry divisions and mounted
divisions was the fact that she had an
adequate number of officers who knew
their business. Rank and file was the last
consideration. The first essential was the
maintenance of an experienced command-
ing staff. The second consideration was
adequate equipment. Yet it was proposed
to close Duntroon Military College, the
Air Force was a sham, and there was not
sufficient ammunition to last the artillery
longer than a few hours. They could not
maintain a battle for one full day. There
were no Mills bombs, and he had never
seen a tank in Australia. It was useless
to put an army in the field if it was de-
prived of equipment. General Monash
said he had severed his connection with
the Defence Force, since he felt that the
present organisation had no room for him.
It was a nominal honour to be a member
of a Council of Defence that meets once
every two years and then does nothing.
The whole thing was going to pieces. The
A.I.F. was alive to-day, if ever it was,
but what was going to pieces was the
organisation for the creation of another
A.I.F.

Mr. E. K. Bowden, the Defence Minis-
ter, commenting on General Monash's
statement, admitted that defence equip-
ment was insufficient, but contended that
it was on a better footing than at any
time since the end of the war. His depart-
ment was doing the best possible with the
money available. An additional £250,000
was being spent in munitions, the aim be-
ing to make Australia self-contained in
that respect. The Suspense Fund of
£2,500,000 would be used for defence if
the decision of the Imperial Conference
demanded. Mr. Bowden denied that the
Air Force was a sham, but admitted that
it was inadequate, through lack of finance.
Mr. Charlton, the Federal Labour Lead-
er, stated that, while the Labour party
was opposed to Australia's participating
in foreign wars, and would not agree to
sending men overseas, they realised that
they must have a force for the protection
of Australia, though there was no justifi-
cation for lavish spending until it was
ascertained exactly what was required for
Home Defence.

Colonel Brunker, the leader of the Pro-
gressives, said that General Monash's
declaration was a most alarmist statement,
made by a man who was not an alarmist.
General Monash ought to know, and he
was not the kind of man to talk without
knowing. Sir George Fuller said that he
agreed with every word. The public must
take the message to heart.

THE RECOVERY OF EUROPE CONTRAST WITH PLIGHT OF BRITAIN.

A survey of the economic conditions
and unemployment figures in the different
countries of Europe has been compiled
by the International Federation of Trade
Unions. It is shown that in comparison
with last year there is in nearly all coun-
tries (with the exception of Germany) a
notable decline of unemployment.

The industrial situation in the different
countries, together with the latest figures
of unemployed workers, is as follows:

Belgium.—A great revival in in-
dustry. Unemployed, 12,368.

France.—Economic situation is highly
satisfactory. Unemployment, 1,363.

Holland.—Little change in the labour
market. Unemployed and partially un-
employed, 80,822.

Italy.—A steady decrease in unem-
ployment. Unemployed, 231,500.

Poland (exclusive of the former Prusian
territory and Eastern Galicia).—
Unemployed, 87,000.

Denmark.—Unemployed, 20,754.

Norway.—Unemployed, 12,840.

Sweden.—Unemployed, 11,009.

Switzerland.—Unemployment has been
gradually decreasing for months past.
Unemployed, 22,840.

Czechoslovakia.—Unemployed (esti-
mated), 300,000.

Austria.—Unemployment steadily de-
clining. Unemployed, 77,993.

Russia.—Unemployment is most acute
among the Civil Servants, municipal
employees, clothing workers, and unskilled
workers. Unemployed (in 52 towns),
443,000.

Germany.—The industrial situation is
changing for the worse every day.
of industry. Unemployed, 680,785.

This makes a total for the Continent of
1,991,657. In Great Britain 1,245,500
persons were registered as unemployed last
month.

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ENORMOUS FIGURES.

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WEATHER REPORT.

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Sea.

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Sharp Peak, but will remain fresh over the
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Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending
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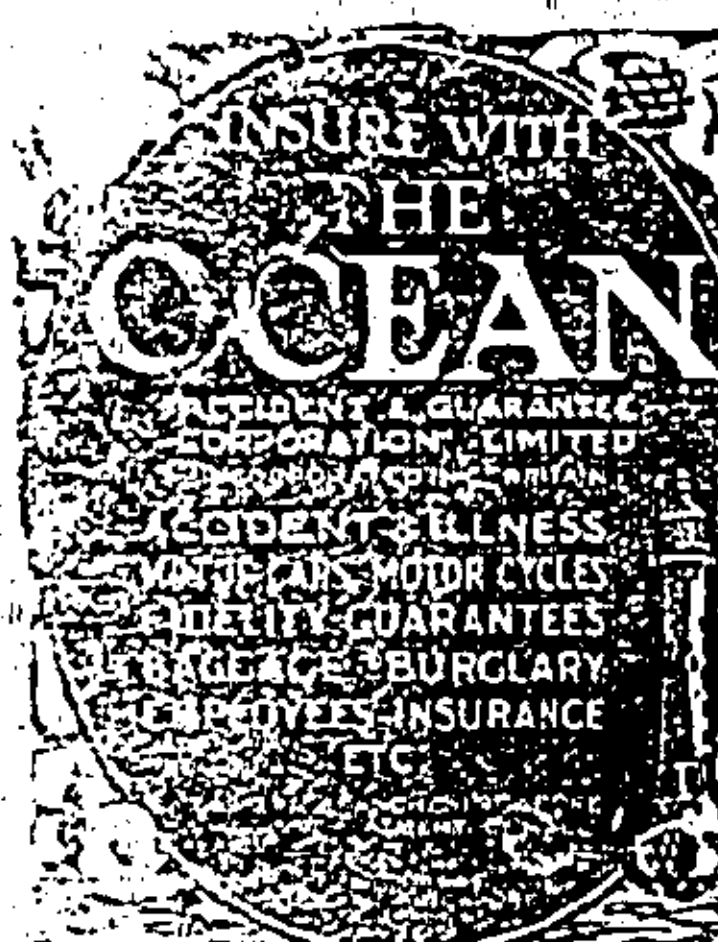
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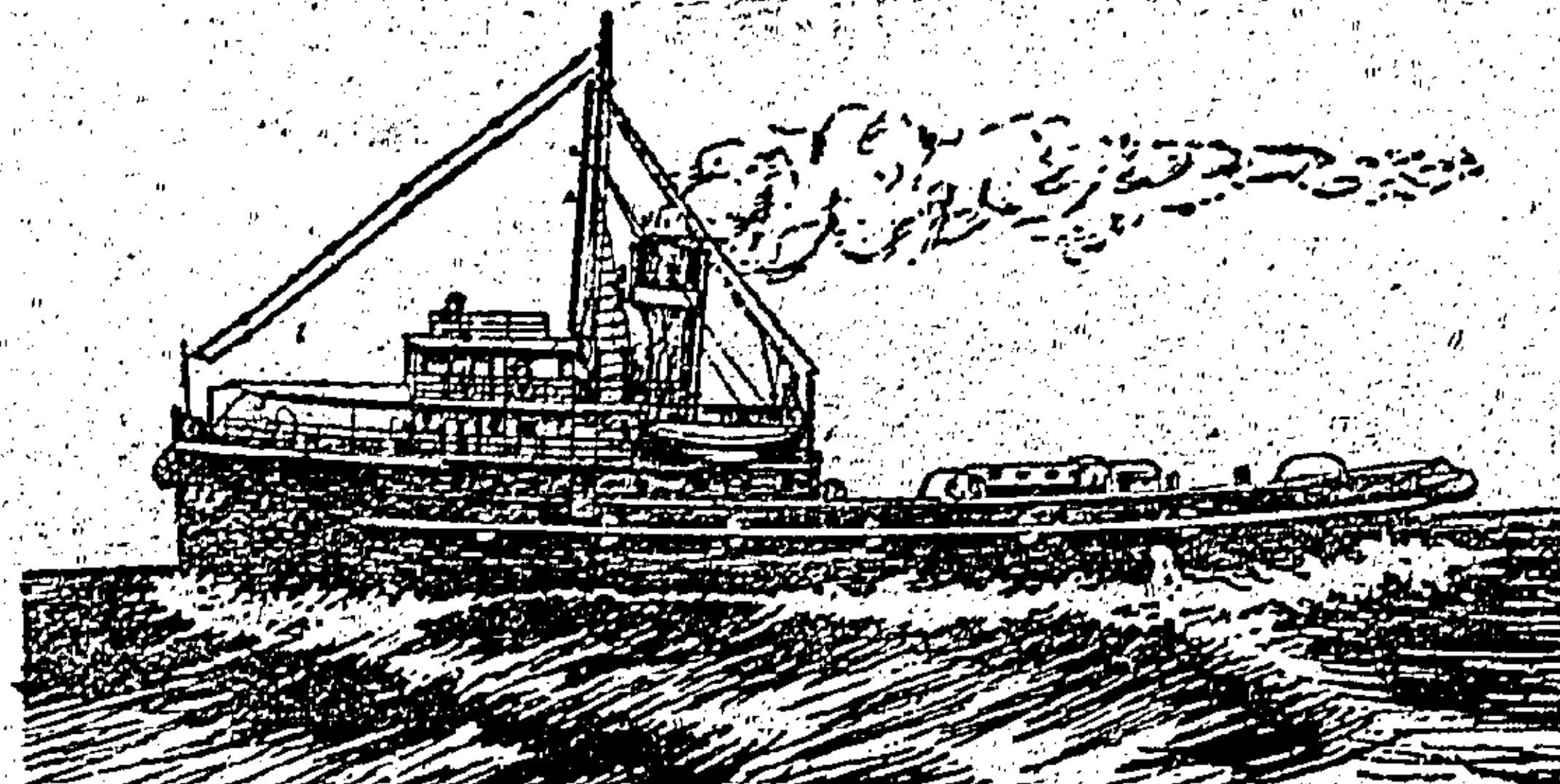
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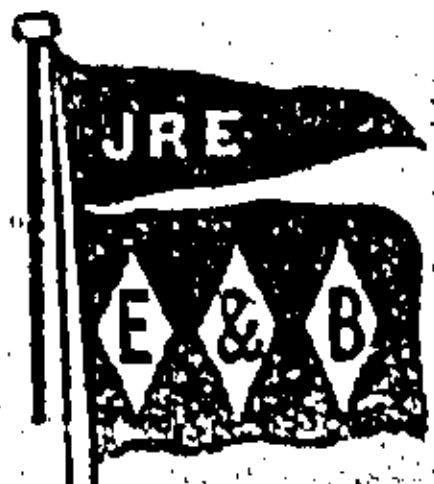
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"STICIA"	8,813	19th Jan.	Suez, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"MACEDONIA"	11,088	26th Jan.	Bay, Mars, London & Antwerp.
"FASHGAR"	8,840	9th Feb.	Mars, L'don & A'werp.
"SOUDAN"	8,896	13th Feb.	Suez, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"MOREA"	10,911	23rd Feb.	Bay, Mars, London & Antwerp.
"KARMALA"	8,088	8th March	Mars, London & Antwerp.
"NAIDERA"	15,393	22nd March	Bay, Mars, L'don & A'werp.
"SICILIA"	8,813	28th March	Suez, Penang, Colombo & Bay.
"KHIBER"	8,014	5th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"CHINA"	7,962	19th April	Suez, Penang, Colombo & Bay.
"SOUDAN"	8,896	29th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"KALYAN"	9,118	3rd May	do.
"KASHMIR"	8,896	17th May	do.
"KHIVA"	8,097	31st May	do.

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"SICILIA"	8,813	5th Jan.	Shanghai.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	8th Jan.	Moji & Kobe.
"MOREA"	10,911	12th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KARMALA"	8,088	25th Jan.	do.
"SOUDAN"	8,896	1st Feb.	Shanghai.
"EASTERN"	4,000	2nd Feb.	Moji & Kobe.
"NAIDERA"	15,393	9th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KHIBER"	8,014	23rd Feb.	do.
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"SICILIA"	8,813	13th Mar.	Shanghai.
"KALYAN"	9,118	22nd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,896	4th Apr.	do.
"SOUDAN"	8,896	9th Apr.	Shanghai.

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"RIO DE JANEIRO"	...	Monday, 11th Feb.
"BAYTOS & BUENOS AIRES"	...	via Saigon, Tuesday, 8th Jan.
"PACAMA MARU"	...	...
"BOMBAI MARU"	...	Friday, 21st Dec.
"SHUNKO MARU"	...	Friday, 28th Dec.
"BORNEO MARU" (Calls at Penang)	...	Friday, 4th Jan.
"SAIGON, SINGAPORE & BANGKOK"	...	...
"BUSHO MARU"	...	Wednesday, 2nd Jan.
"CALCUTTA via Singapore & Rangoon."	...	...
"MALAY MARU"	...	Thursday, 10th Jan.
"VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER via Shanghai and Japan."	...	...
"MANILA MARU"	...	Tuesday, 8th Jan.
"NEW YORK via Japan Ports, San Francisco and Panama."	...	...
"HAYRE MARU"	...	Middle of Dec. from Shanghai.
"HAMBURG MARU"	...	Middle of Jan.
"JAPAN PORTS—Moji, Kobe, Osaka, Yokohama & Nagoya."	...	...
"KEELUNG via SWATOW & AMOY."	...	...
"AMAKUSA MARU"	...	Sunday, 23rd Dec., 10 a.m.
"KAIYO MARU"	...	Sunday, 30th Dec., 10 a.m.
"TAKAO via SWATOW & AMOY."
"TAKAO & KEELUNG."	...	Saturday, 22nd Dec., 8 a.m.
"SOUBAHAYA MARU"	...	Friday, 4th Jan.

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NINGPO & SHANGHAI	"CHINKIANG"	On 30th Dec., D.L.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SOOCHOW"	On 30th Dec., 4 p.m.
AMOY, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KAYING"	On 31st Dec., D.L.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SINLIANG"	On 22nd Dec., D.L.
JAVA	"TAIKOOWANYI"	On 22nd Dec., D.L.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & PUKOW	"LIANGCHOW"	On 22nd Dec., 10 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KIANGSU"	On 24th Dec., Noon.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"SZECHUEN"	On 25th Dec., D.L.
MANILA	"TAINING"	On 28th Dec., 4 p.m.
AMOY, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KINGYUAN"	On 27th Dec., D.L.
HAIPHONG	"YUNNAN"	On 27th Dec., 10 a.m.
HOIHOW & SINGAPORE	"CHINHUA"	On 27th Dec., 10 a.m.
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Singapore ...	Aut	20th Dec.
London, letters via Brindisi, 30th Nov.	Aut	20th Dec.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Aut	20th Dec.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Singapore ...	Aut	Thursday, 20th, 2.00 P.M.
Swatow ...	Aut	Thursday, 20th, 2.30 P.M.
Amoy ...	Aut	Thursday, 20th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai ...	Aut	Thursday, 20th, 3.00 P.M.
London, letters via Brindisi, 30th Nov.	Aut	Thursday, 20th, 3.00 P.M.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Aut	Thursday, 20th, 3.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa ...	Aut	Friday, 21st, 9.15 A.M.
Shanghai ...	Aut	Friday, 21st, 10.00 A.M.
London, letters via Brindisi, 30th Nov.	Aut	Friday, 21st, 11.30 A.M.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Aut	Friday, 21st, 11.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa ...	Aut	Saturday, 22nd, 8.45 A.M.
Shanghai ...	Aut	Saturday, 22nd, 9.30 A.M.
London, letters via Brindisi, 30th Nov.	Aut	Saturday, 22nd, 10.30 A.M.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Aut	Saturday, 22nd, 10.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa ...	Aut	Sunday, 23rd, 10.00 A.M.
Shanghai ...	Aut	Sunday, 23rd, 10.30 A.M.
London, letters via Brindisi, 30th Nov.	Aut	Sunday, 23rd, 10.30 A.M.
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"TEIRESIAS"	18th MAR.	for Singapore & London.
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Bank Bills, on demand ...	970
Credits, 4 months sight ...	1,030
ON NEW YORK—	
Bank Bills, on demand ...	51 1/2
Credits, at 30 days sight ...	52 1/2
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Telegraphic Transfer ...	164 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand ...	164 1/2
ON CALCUTTA—	
Telegraphic Transfer ...	164 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand ...	164 1/2
ON SHANGHAI—	
Bank Bills, at sight ...	nom.
Private, 30 days sight ...	109
ON MANILA—On demand ...	109 1/2
ON SINGAPORE—On demand ...	109 1/2
ON BATAVIA—On demand ...	109 1/2
ON HONGKONG—On demand ...	109 1/2
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S. KONDOH, Manager.
HONGKONG BRANCH,
4, Des Voeux Road,
Hongkong, 15th September, 1922.

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HEAD OFFICE:
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Authorized Capital ... £25,000,000
Subscribed Capital ... £25,000,000
Paid-up Capital ... £25,000,000
Reserve Fund ... £25,000,000

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HONGKONG BRANCH:
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INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts to 2 per cent. per annum on Daily Balances and on Fixed Deposits at rates that may be ascertained on application.
N. G. WILSON, Manager.

7, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, September 28th, 1923. [40]

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE, PARIS.

Head Office: 94, Boulevard Haussmann, Paris.

Subscribed Capital ... Frs. 72,000,000
Paid-up Capital ... Frs. 63,400,000
Reserve Fund ... Frs. 69,657,933.54

BRANCHES:
Bangkok, Canton, Cebu, Hongkong, Kobe, London, Lyons, Manila, Peking, Rangoon, Shanghai, Singapore, Siam, Soerabaya, Tientsin, Yokohama.

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Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.
Every description of banking and exchange business transacted.
C. E. GOY, Manager.
Hongkong, December 18th, 1923. [41]

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE:
No. 10, Des Voeux Road C., HONGKONG.

Authorized Capital ... \$10,000,000
Paid-up Capital ... \$5,000,000
Reserve Fund ... \$5,000,000

DIRECTORS:
Mr. Pong Wai Tung, Chairman.
Mr. H. N. Chow Shou Mei, Hon. Mr. Kail Ying Po, Mr. Li Koon Chun, Mr. Mok Ching Kong, Mr. Fung Ping Shan, Mr. Wong Yun Tong, Mr. P. K. Kwok, Mr. Chan Ching Shek, Mr. Kan Chia Nam, Mr. Ng Chang Lok.

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Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Loans granted on approved securities.
Interest allowed on Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum, on Bankers' Accounts Four per cent. per annum, and on Fixed Deposits at the following rates:
For 3 months at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum.
For 6 months at the rate of 3 1/2 per cent. per annum.
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K. TONG PO, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, February 28th, 1923. [42]

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

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Reserve Fund ... Yen 73,000,000

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IN FRANCE: Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Credit Lyonnais; Banque de Paris et des Pays Bas; Credit Industriel et Commercial; Societe Generale.
IN LONDON: The National Provincial and Union Bank of England, Ltd.; Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Credit Lyonnais.
IN NEW YORK: J. P. Morgan and Co.; French-American Banking Corporation; Guaranty Trust Co., of New York.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.
Every description of banking and exchange business transacted.
T. NISHIYAMA, Manager.
Hongkong, 17th Sept., 1923. [43]

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Paid-up Capital ... F. 50,000,000
Reserve Fund ... F. 10,000,000
Special Reserve ... F. 20,000,000
Head Office: Amsterdam.

Branches at:
The Hague—Rotterdam.
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The Bank buys and sells and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, issues letters of credit on its Branches and correspondents in the East, on the Continent, in Great Britain, America and Australia, and transacts banking business of every description.

W. H. GROSKAMP, Agent.
Hongkong, August 14th, 1923. [44]

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(Specially authorized by Presidential Mandate of the Republic of China, on the 22nd of November, 1917.)
Authorized Capital ... \$50,000,000
Paid-up Capital ... \$10,000,000
Reserve Funds ... \$3,378,500.00

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Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits. Terms on application.
Every description of Banking Business transacted.
Loans granted on approved securities.
Special facilities for Home-Exchange.
THUYE PEL, Manager.
Hongkong, September 8th, 1921. [45]